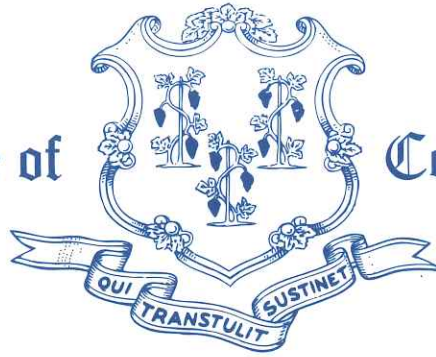


State of Connecticut



By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an
Official Statement

WHEREAS, experts agree that nutrition status is a direct measure of health, and that good nutrition can keep people healthy and out of health care institutions; and

WHEREAS, inadequate or unbalanced nutrition, known as malnutrition, is prevalent in many groups, including vulnerable populations such as hospitalized patients and minority populations, with older adults having the highest rate of malnutrition compared to other groups; and

WHEREAS, illness, injury, and malnutrition can result in the loss of lean body mass, leading to complications that impact good patient health outcomes, including recovery from surgery, illness, or disease; and

WHEREAS, nutrition is a human right and Social Determinant of Health, and malnutrition is exacerbated by the global COVID-19 health pandemic, which has intensified disparities, inequities, and social isolation and is further compounded by food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, each day, approximately 15,000 hospital patients with malnutrition go undiagnosed; and

WHEREAS, malnourished patients have two times longer hospital stays compared to patients with no malnutrition, two times higher hospital costs compared to the average cost of all hospital stays, and three times the mortality rate of mortality of all hospitalized patients; and

WHEREAS, twenty to thirty percent of adults in the community are at risk or have malnutrition; and

WHEREAS, malnutrition leads to more complications, falls, and readmissions, and plays a role in cognitive deterioration, decreased functional capacity and affects quality of life; and

WHEREAS, screening, assessment, diagnosis, and intervention are key to improving malnutrition in the United States; now

THEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim the week of October 4th – 8th, 2021 as

MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK

in the State of Connecticut.



Ned Lamont

GOVERNOR