



By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an
Official Statement

WHEREAS, in the field of healthcare, prevention is designed to promote the overall health and wellness of both individuals and communities; and

WHEREAS, prevention is accomplished by delaying or inhibiting substance use and abuse, and promoting healthy behaviors with respect to mental health; and

WHEREAS, 44.7 million adults, or one in six, live with a mental illness in the United States; and

WHEREAS, more than 20 million Americans aged 12 and older had a substance use disorder, and more than 8 million Americans aged 18 and older had co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, last year 1,038 people died from accidental overdoses in Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, 402 Connecticut residents died as a result of suicide in 2017, the second-leading cause of death for 15-34-year-olds in the country; and

WHEREAS, National Prevention Week is dedicated to increasing public awareness of, and action around, substance use and abuse and mental health issues; now

THEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim the week of May 13-19, 2018 as

PREVENTION WEEK
in the State of Connecticut.




GOVERNOR