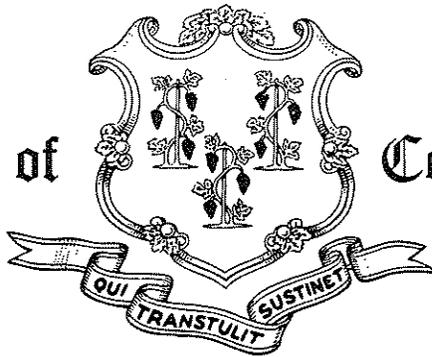


State of Connecticut



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

WHEREAS, Familial Hypercholesterolemia is a genetic condition that causes high levels of LDL cholesterol (also known as “bad cholesterol”) and an increased risk for early and aggressive cardiovascular disease; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that between 7,000 and 12,000 individuals in Connecticut and between 600,000 and 1.1 million people in the U.S., or 1 in every 300-500 people have Familial Hypercholesterolemia, but less than 10 percent of those people have actually been diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, up to 20% of heart attacks that occur in individuals under age 45 are due to Familial Hypercholesterolemia; and

WHEREAS, Familial Hypercholesterolemia can be identified via the collection of a detailed family history of cardiovascular disease and a blood cholesterol screen, and confirmed with DNA testing; and

WHEREAS, the parents, siblings, and children of a person diagnosed with Familial Hypercholesterolemia have a 50% chance of also having this condition and should be screened in order to determine whether they have it or not; and

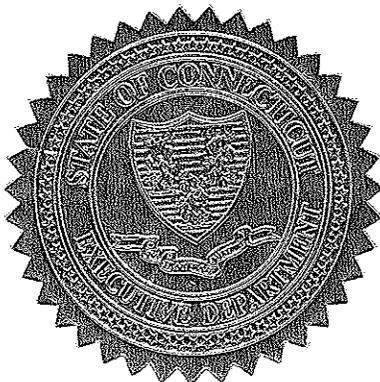
WHEREAS, early treatment with cholesterol-lowering medications in individuals with Familial Hypercholesterolemia can greatly reduce the risk for cardiovascular disease; and

WHEREAS, encouraging all adults in Connecticut to know their cholesterol levels is consistent with the *Healthy Connecticut 2020 State Health Improvement Plan*; and

WHEREAS, by bringing attention to this condition, we can raise awareness of Familial Hypercholesterolemia in Connecticut and encourage all residents to learn about their family’s heart health history and have their blood cholesterol checked based on current national guidelines; now

THEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2015 as

**FAMILIAL HYPERCHOLESTEROLEMIA AWARENESS DAY**  
in the State of Connecticut.



  
GOVERNOR