

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

*W*HEREAS, Project Public Health Ready is a nationally recognized program under the direction of the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO); and

*W*HEREAS, the intent of Project Public Health Ready is to assess local health agencies ability to plan for, respond to, and recover from public health emergencies; and

*W*HEREAS, the State of Connecticut is divided into five emergency preparedness planning regions in order to best serve and protect the residents of Connecticut in the event of emergencies; and

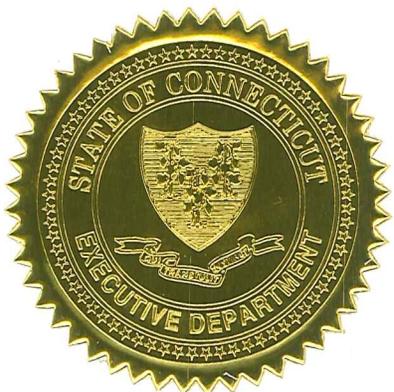
*W*HEREAS, the five emergency preparedness planning regions are comprised of the state's local health departments and health districts; and

*W*HEREAS, the state's local health departments and health districts play an essential role in ensuring the public's health and safety during disasters and other public health emergencies; and

*W*HEREAS, all five emergency preparedness planning regions have applied for and received official recognition from NACCHO as being "Public Health Ready," making Connecticut only the fourth state in the nation to be recognized statewide; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim September 18, 2013 as

PUBLIC HEALTH READY DAY
in the State of Connecticut.



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