

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

*W*HEREAS, the citizens of Connecticut recognize that our success depends on helping every child excel at school and reach his or her full potential in life, and that young people need a solid foundation of support to become well-educated, confident, and productive citizens; and

*W*HEREAS, mentoring is a proven, effective strategy that helps young people by matching them with a caring, responsible adult who can provide guidance and help build confidence; and

*W*HEREAS, mentors encourage success, lift expectations and expand the universe of a child, serving as friends, role models, teachers and sources of stability and support; and

*W*HEREAS, research shows that mentoring has beneficial long-term effects on youth by increasing the chance of high school graduation and college attendance and decreasing the likelihood of substance abuse and other risky behaviors; and

*W*HEREAS, mentoring strengthens Connecticut's economic and social well-being by helping young people fulfill their potential, maintain healthy families, and promote more vibrant communities; and

*W*HEREAS, many residents of Connecticut, supported by private and public sector organizations, are making a profound difference every day in the lives of our young people by serving as mentors; and

*W*HEREAS, over 190,000 Connecticut children could use a caring adult mentor in their lives, and closing this mentoring gap will take more investment, partnerships and volunteers ready to make a difference in a child's life; and

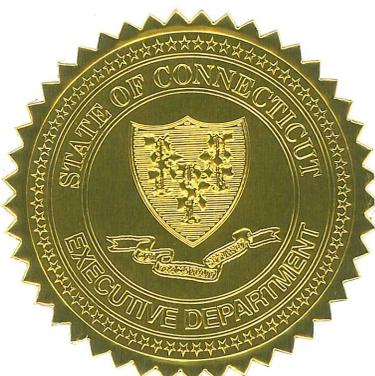
*W*HEREAS, The Governor's Prevention Partnership, through its Connecticut Mentoring Partnership, provides the leadership, resources, training and state-wide coordination for community, school and faith-based mentoring programs; and

*W*HEREAS, Connecticut Mentoring Month is an opportunity to raise public awareness of the importance of mentoring, recognize the dedicated individuals who serve as mentors and encourage more citizens to help build a brighter future for Connecticut's youth through mentoring; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim January 2014, as

**CONNECTICUT MENTORING MONTH**

in the State of Connecticut. I call upon the people of Connecticut to recognize the importance of mentoring, to look for opportunities to serve as mentors in their communities and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.



  
GOVERNOR