

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

*W*HEREAS, breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer related death in Connecticut women and more than 500 Connecticut women die from this disease each year; and

*W*HEREAS, the most recent statistics from the American Cancer Society indicate that Connecticut has the third highest rate of new cases of breast cancer in the United States; and

*W*HEREAS, African American women with breast cancer are less likely than white women to survive 5 years; and

*W*HEREAS, regular breast exams and mammograms can help detect breast cancer early and save lives; and

*W*HEREAS, by getting regular mammograms, doctors will be able to detect early whether a woman has breast cancer, begin treatment and increase the chances of survival; and

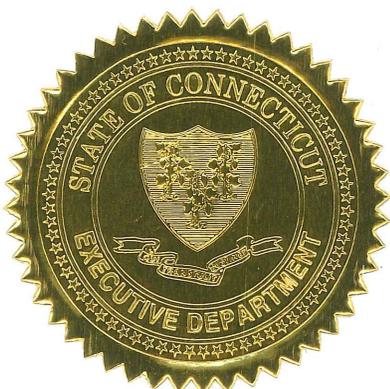
*W*HEREAS, women with a family history of breast cancer, especially in a close relative (mother, sister, or daughter), are at increased risk of developing breast cancer; and

*W*HEREAS, a woman's best overall preventative health strategy is to reduce her known risk factors as much as possible by avoiding weight gain and obesity, engaging in regular physical activity, and minimizing alcohol intake; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby designate the month of October 2012 as

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

in the State of Connecticut.



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