



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

*W*HEREAS, one hundred years ago, the community foundation concept was born in Cleveland, giving rise to a new form of philanthropy, a new way of participating in and serving communities and a new vision for the future; and

*W*HEREAS, community foundations are local charitable organizations led by local residents who have an in-depth understanding of the issues, opportunities and resources that shape their communities; and

*W*HEREAS, there are 11 community foundations in Connecticut that are members of the Connecticut Network of Community Foundations, and additional smaller community foundations across the state; and

*W*HEREAS, these community foundations serve all 169 towns and cities in Connecticut, providing leadership and supporting the vision for thriving local communities, while informing and inspiring charitable investments at the local level; and

*W*HEREAS, people in cities and towns throughout the state have helped Connecticut's community foundations build a combined pool of resources valued at \$1.8 billion dedicated to the public good; and

*W*HEREAS, community foundations provide much needed support for improving the quality of life in urban centers and small towns alike; and

*W*HEREAS, community foundations in Connecticut meet the nation's highest philanthropic standards for operational quality, integrity and accountability; and

*W*HEREAS, Connecticut community foundations distribute more than \$88 million annually to support a wide variety of causes including economic development, education, health, human services, environment, arts and culture in our local communities and beyond; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby honor and recognize

COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS
in the State of Connecticut.




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