

By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an
Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, climate change and greenhouse gas emissions pose a threat to the State of Connecticut and have a detrimental effect on health and environment; and

*W*HEREAS, through the Global Warming Solutions Act, the State of Connecticut is committed to reducing emissions 45 percent below 2001 levels by 2030, and 80 percent below 2001 levels by 2050; and

*W*HEREAS, the State of Connecticut is part of the U.S. Climate Alliance, bipartisan coalition of governors committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions consistent with the goals of the Paris Agreement; and

*W*HEREAS, petroleum-fueled vehicles are responsible for over 50 percent of our local greenhouse gas emissions and are a major contributing factor to air pollution and climate change, threatening the health of our citizens and of our planet; and

*W*HEREAS, the transportation sector needs support to move toward adoption of clean energy technology, including plug-in electric vehicles, that reduces our dependence on nonrenewable resources and supports a healthy environment and economy; and

*W*HEREAS, Connecticut is dedicated to being a leader in the use of clean energy, establishing policies and programs that conserve energy, and promoting sustainability; and

*W*HEREAS, September 14 to September 22 of this year has been designated as National Drive Electric Week throughout the United States to inform consumers, policymakers, and our citizens about the benefits of plug-in electric vehicles and to promote their use; now

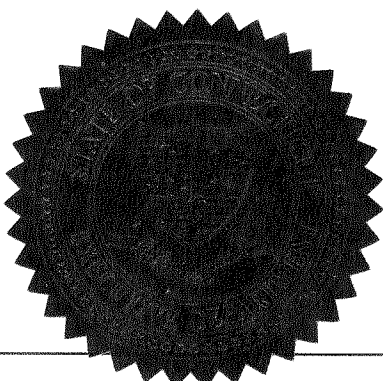
*T*HEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim the week of September 14-22, 2019 as

DRIVE ELECTRIC WEEK

And September, 2019 as

DRIVE ELECTRIC MONTH

in the State of Connecticut.



Ned Lamont

GOVERNOR