

By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an

Official Statement

WHEREAS, School Nutrition Professionals provide nutritious, well-balanced and delicious meals to school children in the state of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, Child Nutrition Programs are the first line of defense against childhood hunger and play a crucial role in health promotion and the development of life-long healthy habits; and

MHEREAS, meals prepared and served throughout the state of Connecticut by School Nutrition Professionals significantly enhance student learning environments, providing the fundamental nourishment students need to learn, grow, develop and thrive; and

MHEREAS, School Meals are consistent with the USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans and nourish students throughout the day to assure that all students in Connecticut come to class "ready to learn"; and

MEREAS, Connecticut's School Nutrition Professionals creatively nurture partnerships with parents, teachers, healthcare providers, non-profit and government agencies, to enhance their programs and serve their communities; and

OW HEREAS, Child Nutrition Programs and School Meals stimulate the economy by purchasing food from farmers, processors and food vendors and employing Connecticut residents in their programs; now

WHEREAS, Connecticut schools pride themselves on offering fresh, locally grown foods and have cultivated partnerships with farmers throughout the state; now

THEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially honor and recognize May 7, 2021 as

SCHOOL NUTRITION HERO DAY

and commend their good work on behalf of children in the State of Connecticut.



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