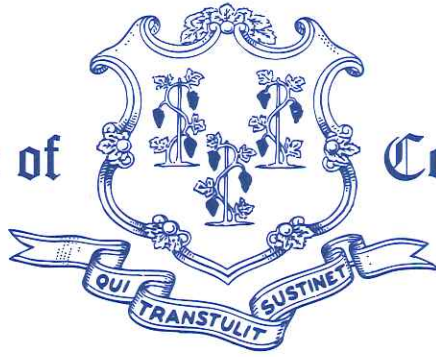


State of Connecticut



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

*W*HEREAS, the United States' history of institutionalized racism and segregation has given rise to social and economic consequences that have harmed countless communities across this country and throughout our state; and

*W*HEREAS, the efforts of the Civil Rights Movement, from the courageous moral leadership of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to the grassroots political organizing in communities across the country, brought national attention to the injustice of segregation and the need for fair housing; and

*W*HEREAS, on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 1968, the day after the assassination of Dr. King in Memphis, Tennessee, President Lyndon Johnson wrote a letter to the United States House of Representatives, in which he urged them to take up the Fair Housing Act that the Senate had passed the month prior, saying, "This tragedy has caused all good men to look deeply into their hearts. When the Nation so urgently needs the healing balm of unity, a brutal wound on our conscience forces upon us all this question: What more can I do to achieve brotherhood and equality among all Americans?"; and

*W*HEREAS, exactly 50 years ago today, President Johnson signed the Fair Housing Act into law, making housing segregation on the basis of race illegal in the United States of America; and

*W*HEREAS, while the Civil Rights Act of 1968 has now for 50 years required that agencies work "affirmatively to further the purposes" of the Fair Housing Act, Connecticut must continue the fight for fair housing, and enact legislation that will help enforce the spirit and intent of the Fair Housing Act; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim April 11, 2018 as

**FAIR HOUSING DAY**  
in the State of Connecticut.



  
GOVERNOR