State of Connecticut

By His Excellency Edward M. Lamont, Jr., Governor:

An Official Statement

WHEREAS, since 1964, our Nation has set aside one day each year to honor the achievements of people who are blind or visually impaired - and once again this year, Connecticut joins in that tradition of highlighting the important contributions they make to the success of our state and our society; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut’s citizens who are blind or visually impaired enrich our cities, towns, and neighborhoods and play a key role in the rich economic and social fabric of our state; and

WHEREAS, our government and people are committed to equal access and equal opportunity for all of its citizens including people with blindness or visual impairments; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut law encourages employers, in both the public and private sector, to fully recognize the capabilities, skills and potential of Connecticut’s citizens who are blind or visually impaired; and

WHEREAS, we call on all of Connecticut’s citizens to help ensure that person with blindness can live independently and compete in the marketplace; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut state law establishes the right of persons with blindness to carry and use a white cane or use a guide dog along our streets and roads, in residential settings, on public transportation, in public accommodations and in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, October 15th was declared by Congress and the President in 1964 as a day of recognition for individuals with blindness - by establishing White Cane Safety Day, now known as Blind Americans Equality Day - across the United States, now

THEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut – in celebration of all of Connecticut’s citizens with blindness, and in honor of their many accomplishments – do hereby officially proclaim Saturday, October 15, 2022, as

Blind americans Equality day

in the State of Connecticut.