



By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an  
**Official Statement**

*W*HEREAS, the justice system of the State of Connecticut and the United States is founded on the principles of truth, fairness, and the presumption of innocence until proven guilty; and

*W*HEREAS, false accusations can result in severe and lasting harm, including emotional trauma, reputational damage, financial loss, and wrongful incarceration; and

*W*HEREAS, such accusations undermine the integrity of the legal system and erode public trust, while also harming the credibility of future legitimate claims; and

*W*HEREAS, national surveys indicate that a significant portion of Americans have either experienced or know someone who has experienced a false accusation, underscoring the need for public awareness and legal safeguards; and

*W*HEREAS, International Falsely Accused Awareness Day serves to recognize the importance of due process, strengthen protection for the wrongly accused, and promote justice for all; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim September 9, 2025, as

**INTERNATIONAL FALSELY ACCUSED AWARENESS  
DAY**

in the State of Connecticut and urge all citizens to reflect on the importance of fairness, truth, and justice in our legal system.



*Ned Lamont*

GOVERNOR