

State of Connecticut



By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an

Official Statement

WHEREAS, an estimated 54 million Americans have osteoporosis or low bone mass; and studies suggest that approximately 1 in 2 women and up to 1 in 4 men age 50 and older will break a bone due to osteoporosis; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1.8 million Medicare beneficiaries suffered approximately 2.1 million osteoporotic fractures a year and osteoporosis-related bone fractures are responsible for more hospitalizations than heart attacks, strokes, or breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, in Connecticut over 22,000 Medicare beneficiaries suffered over 26,700 osteoporotic fractures in 2016; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 3,700 Connecticut residents on Medicare suffered not just an initial fracture but also a subsequent fracture resulting in estimated costs of over \$85.8 million; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial that awareness be raised about bone health and osteoporosis among the public, health professionals and policy makers; and

THEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut, in recognition and support of those who have suffered from osteoporosis, do hereby proclaim May 2026,

OSTEOPOROSIS AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

in the State of Connecticut.



Ned Lamont

GOVERNOR