



By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an
Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, through their skill and expertise, our Nation's school nurses help to foster a healthy, nurturing community in which our children can learn and grow; and

*W*HEREAS, very often, school nurses are the first – and sometimes the only – line of defense against the illnesses and conditions our students face, making their contributions to the education and welfare of the student population invaluable; and

*W*HEREAS, the nature of their professional setting calls on the ability of school nurses to take on additional roles – often acting also as teachers, confidantes, mentors, and friends to the students of Connecticut; and

*W*HEREAS, today's society presents students with a confluence of physical, social, and mental challenges – and school nurses have become an essential component of effective health programs, both inside and outside of the classroom; and

*W*HEREAS, the critical supports provided by school nurses throughout the COVID-19 pandemic have ensured that our schools are a safe place to learn and educate – now, more than ever; and

*W*HEREAS, the unwavering dedication school nurses show to their profession and to the children for whom they care stands as a genuine testament to their commitment to the success and wellness of Connecticut's future generations; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut – in honor of the many outstanding contributions made by school nurses to our shared community – do hereby officially proclaim May 6th, 2026, to be

SCHOOL NURSE DAY

in the State of Connecticut. I urge all residents to support and commemorate the contributions of Connecticut's school nurses, and to dedicate our own efforts to improving the health and welfare of our state's many students.



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