



By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an

Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, the burning of fossil fuels has increased atmospheric CO₂ concentration to 422.8 ppm, in excess of the level recognized to be safe, causing increasingly numerous and intense wildfires, floods, storms, heatwaves, and droughts; and

*W*HEREAS, in the past decade, Connecticut has experienced increasingly frequent extreme weather-which has resulted in damage to critical infrastructure and property, increased urban heat island effects, loss of basic utilities, high riverine floodwaters, combined sewer overflows, destruction of coastal habitat and subsequent risks to public health and safety; and

*W*HEREAS, it is vital that the State of Connecticut rise to the challenge by advancing efforts to eliminate reliance on fossil fuels working towards transitioning to a green economy; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut, in recognition of the efforts needed to combat climate change and its effects-do hereby officially proclaim April 16- April 22

CLIMATE ACTION WEEK in the State of Connecticut.



Ned Lamont

GOVERNOR