

By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an
Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1) is one of the most common hereditary disorders in the world and can result in serious liver disease in children and adults or lung disease in adults; and

*W*HEREAS, Alpha-1 has been identified in virtually all populations. An estimated 100,000 Americans are affected by Alpha-1 and an estimated 20 million people in the United States are undetected carriers of a deficient gene that causes Alpha-1 and may pass the gene onto their children; and

*W*HEREAS, Alpha-1 is widely under-diagnosed and misdiagnosed. Fewer than 10 percent of those predicted to have Alpha-1 have been diagnosed; and


*W*HEREAS, it is important to increase awareness and detection, which can be done by a simple blood test, of this serious hereditary disorder; and

*W*HEREAS, during the month of November, a nationwide awareness campaign will take place to educate the public and medical communities about the detection and treatment of Alpha-1; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2018 as

ALPHA-1 AWARENESS MONTH
in the State of Connecticut.




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