



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

*W*HEREAS, quality, affordable and accessible patient-centered health care, provided by physician assistants and other skilled practitioners, contributes to the well-being and quality of life for all citizens of Connecticut; and

*W*HEREAS, physician assistants are often the first point of contact for many patients and play a vital role in helping patients understand their medical needs and empowering patients to become effective advocates for themselves; and

*W*HEREAS, physician assistants are medically trained professionals who provide health care services, including diagnosing and treating diseases, assisting in surgery, and prescribing medications with the direction of a supervising physician; and

*W*HEREAS, a valuable asset to the medical community, physician assistants work side-by-side with physicians to enhance the delivery of high-quality health care for patients; and

*W*HEREAS, physician assistants have earned the respect of the general public for their dedication and contributions to people's lives and by working together with the health care team to ensure delivery of more efficient and effective health care services; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2016, as the

50th NATIONAL PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS WEEK

in the State of Connecticut and encourage all residents to recognize physician assistants for the significant impact they have made, and continue to make, as a critical part of the health care team.




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