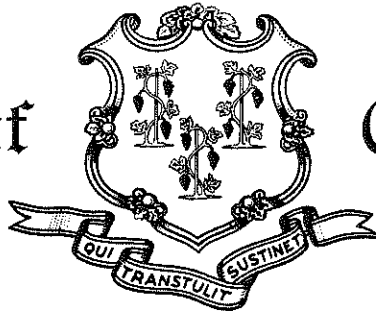


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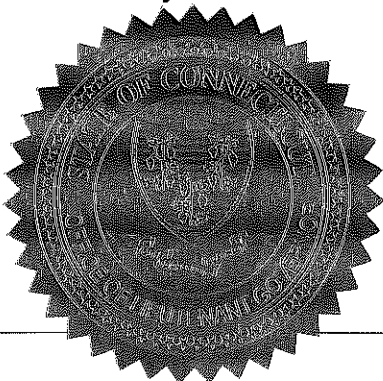
By Her Excellency Susan Bysiewicz, Lieutenant Governor
Official Statement

I hereby recognize

Zero Tolerance of Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting Day

as a day of awareness and discussion in Connecticut. The Connecticut Coalition to End FGM/C is a strong advocate for the elimination of this human rights violation. On this day, we work to end this harmful practice that occurs worldwide and in our state. FGM/C imposes immense physical and mental harm on young girls. To advance human rights and gender equality, we must show there is no place for FGM/C in our communities.

May we all take time on this day to support women and girls.



Signed this 6th Day of February, 2023

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Susan Bysiewicz".

Lieutenant Governor