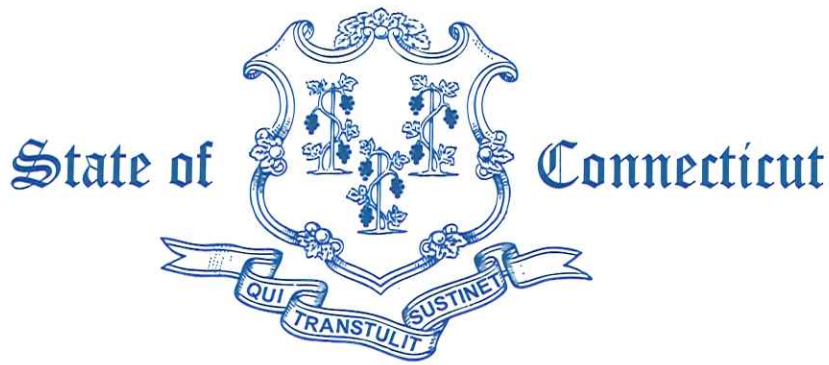




By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an
Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, Giant Cell Arteritis (GCA), also known as temporal arteritis, is a serious inflammatory disease of the blood vessels that primarily affects adults over 50 years of age and can cause sudden, permanent vision loss without rapid treatment; and

*W*HEREAS, prompt recognition of hallmark symptoms, including new or severe headache, scalp tenderness, jaw pain with chewing, visual disturbance, and systemic symptoms, is essential to preventing irreversible complications; and

*W*HEREAS, timely use of appropriate therapy and rapid referral to specialists remains critical to preserving sight and health; and

*W*HEREAS, education of clinicians, patients, families, and advocacy organizations such as the Global Healthy Living Foundation and its CreakyJoints® community improves time-to-diagnosis and reduces preventable disability; and

*W*HEREAS, patients and caregivers in Connecticut deserve access to accurate information, appropriate diagnostics, and coordinated care to protect health and quality of life; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim October 23, 2025, as

GIANT CELL ARTERITIS AWARENESS DAY

in the State of Connecticut, and urge all residents to learn more about this condition and support those affected.



Ned Lamont

GOVERNOR