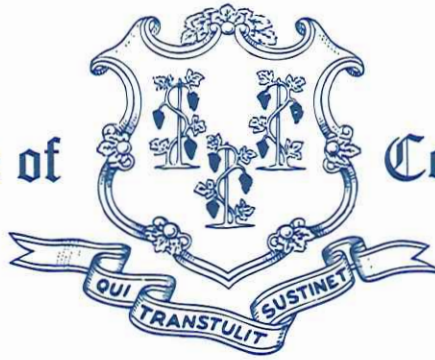


State of Connecticut



By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an
Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, each year, Connecticut faces catastrophic events such as hurricanes, flooding, tornadoes, and other natural disasters, all of which carry the potential to cause serious damage – or, even worse, total destruction – to private property and homes; and

*W*HEREAS, following disasters, stressed and strained homeowners are vulnerable to predatory practices from dishonest contractors fraudulently inflating repair or rebuilding cost; and

*W*HEREAS, predatory practices by nefarious contractors ultimately increase costs for consumers by driving up insurance premiums and forcing insurers to reevaluate risk; and

*W*HEREAS, it is imperative that an effective public outreach campaign highlight the various types of contractor fraud schemes to help educate consumers on how to identify and avoid such schemes; and

*W*HEREAS, the National Insurance Crime Bureau encourages Nutmeggers to get at least three written estimates, check contractor credentials, and work closely with insurers during the entire rebuilding process when hiring a contractor; and

*W*HEREAS, the National Insurance Crime Bureau, in collaboration with its local and state partners in Connecticut, including law enforcement, first responders, legislators, and state officials, are committed to educating Nutmeggers about predatory practices by dishonest contractors; and

*W*HEREAS, the citizens of Connecticut are encouraged to become familiar with contractor fraud and participate in the various programs during the fourth annual Contractor Fraud Awareness Week, May 20 – 24, 2024; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim the week of May 20-24, 2024, as

CONTRACTOR FRAUD AWARENESS WEEK

in the State of Connecticut.



Ned Lamont

GOVERNOR