



By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an  
**Official Statement**

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut and our nation is promoting National Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week with a message for drivers to Slow Down, Move Over and Be Safe; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut actively supports and promotes local and national efforts to raise awareness of responder safety and to reduce responder injuries and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, every minute of every day, emergency responders in Connecticut are prepared to respond to the scene of traffic incidents. Too many are struck, too many are injured and too many have been killed; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut recognizes that traffic incidents put lives at risk, and are a major cause of congestion on Connecticut's roadways; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut reminds emergency responders, drivers, and passengers that they have a role to play to improve safety on our highways and to help save lives; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut asks all road users to do their part to keep all the men and women who are responding to incidents on our highways safe by slowing down, moving over and driving safe; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut reminds drivers the "Move It" law requires motorists involved in a crash to move their cars out of the roadway if their vehicles are drivable, there are no injuries, and it can be done safely; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut reminds drivers in accordance with the "Move Over" law, to move over if safe to do so, and immediately slow down if traveling in the lane adjacent to the location of an emergency vehicle - "Move Over and Slow Down -It's the Law."

THEREFORE, I, NED LAMONT, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim the week of November 9-15, 2020, as

**TRAFFIC INCIDENT RESPONSE AWARENESS WEEK**  
in the State of Connecticut.



*Ned Lamont*

GOVERNOR