

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

DANNEL P. MALLOY

CONNECTICUT  
SECRETARY OF THE STATE  
CAPITOL OFFICE

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 42

**WHEREAS**, elder abuse, neglect and exploitation are long unrecognized human and civil rights issues that raise fundamental questions about how we value life and view suffering in old age;

**WHEREAS**, elder abuse takes many forms, including physical, sexual and psychological abuse, neglect by caregivers, and financial exploitation;

**WHEREAS**, victims of elder abuse are also likely to suffer from self-neglect, mental illness and lack of social support;

**WHEREAS**, perpetrators of elder abuse may be organizations or individuals, including strangers, acquaintances, or family members;

**WHEREAS**, elder abuse is a crime that crosses all racial, class, and gender lines, and that occurs in private homes and in public and private facilities alike;

**WHEREAS**, elder abuse is underreported, under-recognized and under-prosecuted;

**WHEREAS**, it is now estimated that more than 1 in 10 older adults suffer from abuse, neglect and exploitation;

**WHEREAS**, elder justice advocates in both the public and private sectors are working to put an end to elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation in Connecticut;

**WHEREAS**, the State Department on Aging has established the Connecticut Elder Justice Coalition ("Coalition"), overseen by a Coordinating Council consisting of both public and private members appointed by the Commissioner of Aging, to communicate and collaborate with stakeholders to address elder justice issues in Connecticut in a collective forum;

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Coalition is to prevent elder abuse and protect the rights, independence, security, and well-being of vulnerable elders;

**WHEREAS**, I fully support the mission of the Coalition and wish to commit the valuable resources found in Connecticut state government to work with the Coalition toward its laudable goal and objectives;

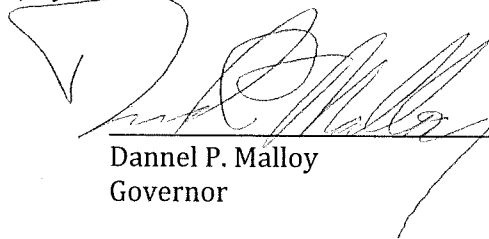
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, DANIEL P. MALLOY, Governor of the State of Connecticut, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of the State of Connecticut do hereby **ORDER AND DIRECT**:

1. The Department of Banking, Department of Consumer Protection, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, the Department on Aging, and the Department of Social Services shall:
  - a. Offer staff and other administrative support to the Connecticut Elder Justice Coalition and its Coordinating Council, as appropriate;
  - b. Work to prevent elder abuse through collaboration with Connecticut Elder Justice Coalition and its Coordinating Council;

- c. Seek input and assistance from relevant private entities including philanthropic organizations, medical and other health related associations, academic institutions, and faith communities in achieving the objectives of the Coalition;
- d. Identify ways to increase public awareness, reporting and social network support of elder abuse victims;
- e. Consider ways to strengthen and improve the programs and services available to elder abuse victims in Connecticut;
- f. Identify and highlight best practices and lessons learned in elder abuse prevention, detection and intervention in Connecticut and other states; and
- g. Collaborate with the Coalition's Coordinating Council to prepare recommendations on legislative or other governmental action that can be taken, to be delivered to the Governor.

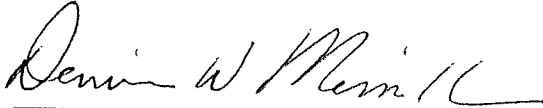
This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 2014.



Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

By His Excellency's Order



Denise W. Merrill  
Secretary of the State

