WHEREAS, Connecticut's environmental health professionals play a core function in the improvement of public health through preventive measures and management of the environment; and

WHEREAS, environmental health professionals understand the connection between public health and the management of the environment; and

WHEREAS, the practice of environmental health is critical to the creation and maintenance of healthy communities throughout Connecticut, through services such as food safety, the protection of water quality, communicable disease control, vector management, and emergency management and disaster preparedness; and

WHEREAS, environmental health professionals apply science and evidence-based expertise to mitigate known or potential problems, and this practical application of knowledge gained through many years of diligent study often results in the avoidance of significant health hazards; and

WHEREAS, environmental health professionals respond to natural disasters and human-made emergencies, and work with other professionals specializing in public health, emergency management, public safety, and health care to assist Connecticut communities in crisis; now

THEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially recognize August 24, 2019 as

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS DAY
in the State of Connecticut.