



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Governor Lamont Proclaims NOVEMBER 17, 2019 CONNECTICUT RECOVERS DAY**

Governor Ned Lamont has proclaimed November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as Connecticut Recovers Day. Opioid Use Disorder and opioid overdoses in Connecticut are major public health concerns. In 2019, at least two people in Connecticut die each day from an opioid overdose.

Connecticut REALTORS®, iHeartMedia, WTNH and the State of Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services have teamed up to help address the stigma surrounding Opioid Use Disorder through a multi-month campaign to raise funds and build awareness surrounding Connecticut's opioid crisis. The goal is to make a significant impact in the way people view Opioid Use Disorder and remove the stigma directed at those affected by addiction so they will be encouraged to seek treatment.

The awareness campaign kicked off with a concert featuring Academy of Country Music and Country Music Association Entertainer of the Year Keith Urban titled "A Concert for Recovery" at the Mohegan Sun Arena on November 17, 2019.

Due to the ongoing efforts of the Connecticut REALTORS® Foundation grants will be awarded to organizations in Connecticut working on aspects of the opioid crisis including prevention, treatment, recovery and family support.

CT REALTORS® enthusiastically applaud the recognition of Governor Lamont in declaring November 17, 2019 "Connecticut Recovers Day" to raise awareness and promote ending the stigma of addiction. Recovery is possible.

CTR represents over 17,000 members involved in all aspects of real estate in Connecticut. CTR members work with tens of thousands of buyers, sellers, landlords and tenants annually.

State of Connecticut



By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an

## Official Statement

*WHEREAS*, Opioid Use Disorder, or the problematic use of opioids leading to clinically significant impairment or distress, is an illness, often beginning with a legal prescription for pain management; and

*WHEREAS*, Opioid Use Disorder, and the resulting opioid overdoses, present a major public health crisis; at least two people in Connecticut die every day from an opioid overdose; and

*WHEREAS*, News 8, iHeartMedia, the CT REALTORS, and the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services have begun a multi-month campaign to raise funds and build awareness of Connecticut's opioid crisis; and

*WHEREAS*, a primary goal of this campaign is to change the way people view Opioid Use Disorder and remove the stigma directed at those suffering from addiction; and

*WHEREAS*, grant awards will be provided to organizations in Connecticut working on aspects of the opioid crisis in Connecticut including prevention, treatment, recovery and family support; and

*WHEREAS*, this awareness campaign will include a concert headlined by Academy of Country Music & Country Music Association Entertainer of the Year Keith Urban titled, "A Concert for Recovery" at Mohegan Sun Arena on Sunday, November 17, 2019; and

*WHEREAS*, News 8, iHeartMedia, the CT REALTORS, and the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services will continue to build the "CT Recovers" coalition of those working to end the stigma surrounding Opioid Use Disorder; now

*THEREFORE*, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as

### CONNECTICUT RECOVERS DAY

in the State of Connecticut.



*Ned Lamont*

GOVERNOR