



By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an

Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, USS CONNECTICUT (SSN 22), a nuclear-powered submarine of the Seawolf Class, named for our great State and commissioned into service on the 1th of December 1998; and

*W*HEREAS, USS CONNECTICUT (SSN 22) in spite of a very demanding Post Shakedown Availability, the ship completed all work ahead of schedule and considered the safest PSA in the 100 year history of Electric Boat. As part of the ship's PSA, the ship participated in Joint Task Force Exercise 2-99 in 1999; and

*W*HEREAS, USS CONNECTICUT (SSN 22) successfully completed its maiden deployment to the North Atlantic in 2002; and

*W*HEREAS, USS CONNECTICUT (SSN 22) surfaced through the Artic ice at the University of Washington's applied Physics Lab Ice Station (APLIS) in 2003, thus being the first submarine of the Seawolf Class to operate in the Artic; and

*W*HEREAS, USS CONNECTICUT (SSN 22) in support of the War on Terrorism was part of the Wasp Expeditionary Strike Group in 2004; and

*W*HEREAS, USS CONNECTICUT (SSN 22) transferred to Naval Base Kitsap-Bremerton, Washington in 2008, following a six month deployment to the 7th Fleet area of responsibility, where the ship participated in ANNUALEX 19G exercise in the Philippine Sea; and

*W*HEREAS, USS CONNECTICUT (SSN 22) participated in Ice Exercise "ICEX" 2011 and again in 2018 effectively making her the Seawolf Class ship with the most ICEX experience; and

*W*HEREAS, USS CONNECTICUT (SSN 22) was part of Tasking Operations Tungsten Fortress-Dawn Blitz-SUSTEX; Followed by two missions in the Indo-Pacific Theater of Operations in 2018-2019; and

*W*HEREAS, USS CONNECTICUT (SSN 22) in its 22 years history is a highly decorated ship, earning 3 Meritorious Unit Commendations, 3 Battle "E" Awards, 1 Secretary of the Navy Letter of Commendation, 2 Chief of Naval Operations Safety Awards, 1 Secretary of the Navy Safety Award, 2 US Pacific Fleet Hugh McCracken Awards, 1 Chief Golden Saunders Award and 1 Master Chief Frank Lister Award, 3 Navigation and Operations "N" Awards, 4 Engineering Red "E" Awards, 1 Communications "C" Award, 1 Deck "D" Award, 5 Retention Excellence Awards, 3 Weapons White "W" Awards, 2 Personnel White "P" Awards, 1 Medical Yellow "M" Award, 1 Communication-Cyber Green "C" Award, all totaling 35 different awards; and

*W*HEREAS, the patriotic citizens of the State of Connecticut are incredibly proud of "Our Ship" and hope and pray for the safety of the officers and crew as they patrol the waters of the world protecting freedom and democracy, while fostering the spirit of friendship of the people of the state of Connecticut; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim December 22, 2020



USS CONNECTICUT DAY
in the State of Connecticut.

Ned Lamont
GOVERNOR