



By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an
Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, The Town of South Windsor, in partnership with various local and national corporations, will be hosting its first Festival of Lights, a celebration of our unity in diversity; and

*W*HEREAS, Led by the town, underwritten by private companies, organizations, and residents, this event serves to promote and encourage social harmony and strengthen our bonds of unity and diversity; and

*W*HEREAS, The Festival of lights signifies joining together in recognition of the efforts of the Diverse and Strong Organization and the Town of South Windsor to recognize differences and encourage active participation of all people to build more positive relationships, improve our opportunities, and contribute to the success of our town, state, country, and world; and

*W*HEREAS, South Windsor has and will continue to be a town that welcomes people of all backgrounds and heritages, and is proud of the multi-cultural and diverse population and its contributions; and

*W*HEREAS, This celebration, themed "Different Roots, All American", invites and encourages all Americans, of all cultural roots, to enjoy and evening of food, entertainment, and fireworks; and

*T*HEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2017 as

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS DAY
in the State of Connecticut.




GOVERNOR