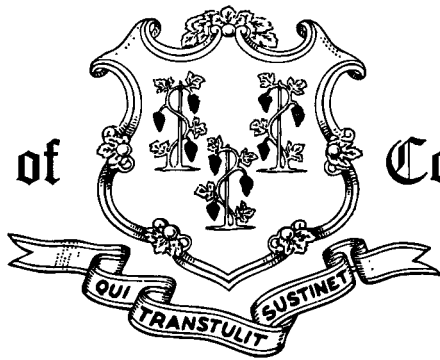


State of Connecticut



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

*WHEREAS*, The 102<sup>nd</sup> United States Infantry Regiment was organized on August 22, 1917 by combining the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiments of the Connecticut National Guard and was assigned to the 26<sup>th</sup> "Yankee" Division; and

*WHEREAS*, The 102<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment arrived in France for training in the fall and winter of 1917 and was deployed to the American Army's Sector of Toul on the Western Front, beginning in April 1918; and

*WHEREAS*, early in the morning of April 20, 1918, 3,000 German storm troopers attacked the town of Seicheprey, engaging soldiers of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment in the first major military action undertaken by American troops in World War I; and

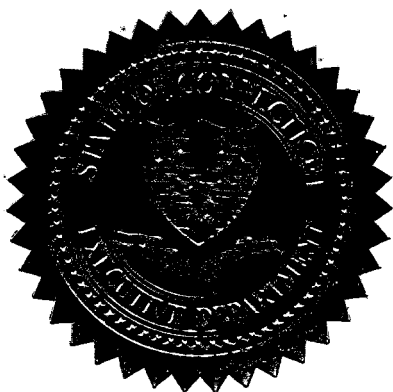
*WHEREAS*, 81 Connecticut soldiers were killed in action during the battle of Seicheprey, as the 102<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment repulsed the German attack; and

*WHEREAS*, The memory of these soldiers' bravery and sacrifice has faded in the 100 years since the action at Seicheprey occurred; now

*THEREFORE*, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, Do hereby proclaim April 20, 2018 as

**SEICHEPREY DAY**

In the state of Connecticut to honor the memory of these 81 Connecticut soldiers and to foster a greater understanding of Connecticut's significant role in World War 1



  
GOVERNOR