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## **STATEMENT FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE ON CONNECTICUT'S FIRST KID GOVERNOR**

**HARTFORD:** Secretary of the State Denise Merrill released the following statement on the honor of swearing in Elena Tipton, of East Hartford, as Connecticut's first Kid Governor:

“I'm proud to call Elena Tipton my Kid Governor and look forward to a time when I'm living in a world that she and her fellow candidates are governing. I encourage all of them to keep on running. We need them!”

The ceremony was held at Connecticut's Old State House and officially commences Elena Tipton's year-long term.

Connecticut's Kid Governor pilot program was started by Connecticut's Old State House in order to teach fifth graders about government, elections and the importance of civics engagement. Elena ran on “Campaign for Kindness” platform and was elected last November. She is a student at Dr. Thomas S. O'Connell School in East Hartford.