

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, people of all ages in Washington have developed a condition known as Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) as a result of either a single massive exposure or repeated low level exposures to toxic chemicals and other irritants in the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, MCS is recognized by numerous organizations which support the health and welfare of the chemically injured including the World Health Organization, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Social Security Administration, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Environmental Protection Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, MCS is a chronic condition for which there is no known cure; symptoms include chronic fatigue, muscle and joint pains, rashes, asthma, headaches, and other respiratory and neurological problems; and

**WHEREAS**, MCS can result in major financial, employment, housing, health, and social consequences for people who have this disability; and

**WHEREAS**, reasonable accommodations and raising awareness of MCS can provide opportunities for people with this disability to enjoy access to work, school, public facilities, and other settings where they can continue to contribute their professional skills, ideas, creativity, abilities, and knowledge; and

**WHEREAS**, people with MCS need the support and cooperation of family, friends, co-workers and society as they manage their condition and adapt to new lifestyles;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 2010 as

### ***Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Awareness Month***

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christine O. Gregoire".

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

