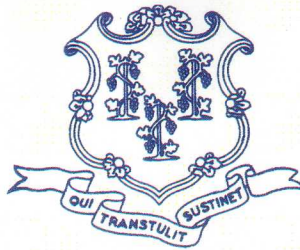


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By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) is a preventable disorder in which people develop a variety of symptoms as a result of a single massive exposure or repeated low-level exposure to toxic chemicals and other irritants in the environment; and

*W*HEREAS, the symptoms of MCS include chronic fatigue, muscle and joint pains, rashes, asthma, short-term memory loss, headaches, sleep disorders and other respiratory and neurological problems; and

*W*HEREAS, MCS is a chronic condition for which there is no known cure and which usually involves the immune, endocrine, respiratory, central nervous and other organ systems; and

*W*HEREAS, MCS can cause major personal financial, employment, housing and social consequences for people who have this disability; and

*W*HEREAS, MCS is recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act, Social Security Administration, World Health Organization, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, and other state and national government agencies and commissions which have supported the health and welfare of the chemically injured; and

*W*HEREAS, reasonable accommodations, information about and recognition of MCS can enable people with MCS to enjoy access to work, schooling, public facilities, and other settings where they can continue to contribute their skills, ideas, creativity, abilities and knowledge; and

*W*HEREAS, people with MCS need the support and understanding of family, friends, co-workers and society as they struggle with their illness and adapt to new life styles; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, in support of increased understanding and education that will aid in the prevention of MCS and research into the causes and treatment of it, and in honor of the Ecological Health Organization's 17th Anniversary, do hereby officially proclaim the month of May 2009, as

MULTIPLE CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY (MCS) AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Connecticut.



M. Jodi Rell
Governor