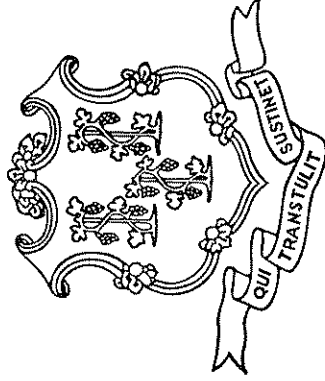


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By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

## Official Statement

WHEREAS, Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) is a 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

WHEREAS, 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

WHEREAS, 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 for which there is no known cure; and

WHEREAS, MCS is recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act, Social Security Administration, U.S. 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

WHEREAS, reasonable accommodations, information about and recognition of MCS can provide opportunities for people with this disability 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

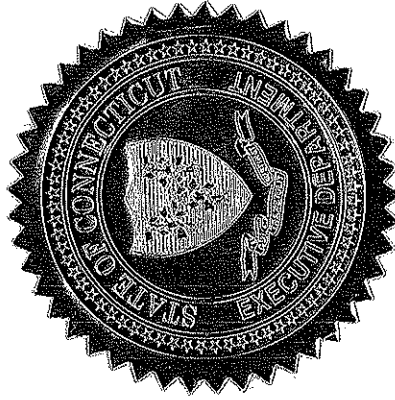
WHEREAS, people with MCS need the support and understanding of family, friends, co-workers and society as they struggle with their illness and adapt to new life styles; and

WHEREAS, MCS is a preventable disorder; now

THEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, in support of increased understanding, education and research that will aid in the prevention of MCS and research into the causes and treatment of it, and in honor of Ecological Health Organization's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, do hereby officially proclaim May 2007 as

**MULTIPLE CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY (MCS) AWARENESS MONTH**

in the State of Connecticut.



  
Governor