



Toxic Injury Awareness Month

May 2009

A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WHEREAS, people of all ages throughout the world have developed toxic injury, illnesses and disabilities from toxic exposures; and

WHEREAS, toxic injury includes chronic debilitating conditions with no known cure that can affect the respiratory, central nervous, immune, musculoskeletal, porphyrin metabolism and hormone systems; and

WHEREAS, toxic injury is often characterized by medical intolerance to very small amounts of air pollution, petrochemicals and other toxins found in homes, our everyday products and environment which can be caused by short-term or chronic exposure to one or more chemicals, frequently pesticides, and solvents; and

WHEREAS, toxic injury is a worldwide problem and during this month it is hoped that everyone become more educated about toxic illnesses:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim May 2009, as **"TOXIC INJURY AWARENESS MONTH"** in Washington, DC.

Adrian M. Fenty
Mayor, District of Columbia

