



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

WHEREAS, Toxic Injury is often characterized by medical intolerance to very small amounts of air pollution, petrochemicals and other toxins found in homes, everyday products and environment; and

WHEREAS, Toxic Injury can be caused by short-term or chronic exposure to one or more chemicals, frequently pesticides and solvents, and may include multiple, often disabling illnesses which can be life threatening; and

WHEREAS, Toxic Injury is a chronic debilitating condition for which there is no known cure, causing serious financial, employment, learning, housing, health, social and other consequences; and

WHEREAS, the prevalence of these illnesses and the lack of knowledge and/or understanding warrants further education in this field for the public in general, future as well as practicing doctors, dentists, rescue personnel as well as other health care, social service, rehabilitation, housing, architects, HVAC designers and installers, building maintenance and cleaning personnel, school and employer/supervisory persons at schools, work places and public facilities and pest control personnel; and

WHEREAS, there are diagnostic codes readily available for toxic effects of many chemicals found in our everyday environment and surroundings; and

WHEREAS, those suffering with Toxic Injury deserve the same rights, acknowledgement, respect, support and help allotted to other illnesses and disabilities,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN E. BALDACCI, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2009 as

TOXIC INJURY AWARENESS & EDUCATION MONTH

throughout the State of Maine, and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.



In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this sixteenth day of January Two Thousand and Nine.

John E. Baldacci
Governor

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Secretary of State
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