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Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Awareness Week

Whereas, Multiple chemical sensitivity, a chronic condition for which there is neither a proven treatment nor cure, typically affects several major organ systems with multiple symptoms that can include difficulty breathing, sleeping, concentrating, memory loss, migraines, nausea, abdominal pain, chronic fatigue, aching joints and muscles, disorders of the skin, and sensory dysfunctions; and,

Whereas, People of all ages can develop the condition known as multiple chemical sensitivity, often following either single massive chemical exposure or repeated low-level exposures to chemicals in the environment; and,

Whereas, Individuals who suffer from multiple chemical sensitivity frequently experience other conditions such as chronic fatigue, immune deficiency syndrome, fibromyalgia, or Gulf War syndrome; and,

Whereas, Those with multiple chemical sensitivity often have profound problems with health, finances, employment, housing, public access, and personal relationships because of the many symptoms they experience;

Whereas, Local emergency planning committees must become more knowledgeable about manufactured chemicals used or sold in factories, companies, retail stores and farms in their area, and also increase the understanding of the citizens they serve;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, governor of the state of Michigan, do hereby proclaim the week of May 9, 2010, Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Awareness Week in Michigan as a means to address the concerns of local communities and to plan for a safer future in Michigan.

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