

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** People of all ages throughout the world have developed illnesses from Toxic Injury, also referred to as Chemically Induced Illness. Intolerance to low-level exposure may be referred to as Chemical Sensitivity and/or Multiple Chemical Sensitivity. The intolerance is now known to be caused by toxic-induced changes in brain biochemistry called neural sensitization; and
- WHEREAS:** Toxic Chemical Injury is often characterized by heightened sensitivity to very small amounts of air pollution, petrochemicals and other toxins found in our everyday products and environment either by short-term or chronic exposure and can start at any age; and
- WHEREAS:** Toxic Injury may include multiple, often disabling, illnesses affecting the respiratory, central nervous (brain), immune, musculoskeletal, porphyrin, energy metabolism, and endocrine systems and 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 qualified doctors warrant further education in this field for medical, health care, and emergency personnel, architects, HVAC designers, building maintenance and cleaning personnel, as well as the general public; 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, Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **May 2007** to be

TOXIC INJURY AWARENESS AND EDUCATION MONTH

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, April 23, 2007.



Theodore R. Kulongoski
Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

Bill Bradbury
Bill Bradbury, Secretary of State