

Proclamation

REQUESTED BY
MAYOR BEN GRABER
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, people of all ages in Broward County and throughout the world have developed a condition known as Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) because of the toxic environment; and

WHEREAS, MCS is a painful chronic condition of hypersensitive reactions to the environment. At this time, there is no cure; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of MCS may include acute reactions to chemicals, food and medication, as well as severe neurological problems, muscle and joint pain, and memory and respiratory difficulties; and

WHEREAS, MCS is recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act, the U.S. Access Board, the Social Security Administration, the U.S. Housing and Urban Development, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and several other governmental agencies and commissions; and

WHEREAS, the health of the general population is at risk from chemical exposures that can lead to this illness; and

WHEREAS, this illness may be preventable through the reduction or avoidance of chemicals in the air, water, and food in both indoor and outdoor environments; and

WHEREAS, people with MCS need the support and understanding of family, friends, co-workers, and society as they struggle with this illness and adapt to new lifestyles; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

That the Board hereby designates the month of May 2006, as "**MULTIPLE CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY AWARENESS MONTH**" in Broward County, Florida.

MAY 1, 2006
Date




Mayor