

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
State of Louisiana
Governor
Kathleen Babineaux Blanco

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) is a disorder in which people develop a variety of symptoms as a result of a single massive exposure or repeated low-level exposures to toxic chemicals and other irritants in the environment; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of MCS are not limited to chronic fatigue, muscle and joint pains, rashes, asthma, short term memory loss, headaches and other respiratory and neurological problems; and

WHEREAS, MCS is a chronic condition that usually involves the central nervous system and other organ systems; and

WHEREAS, there is no known cure for MCS; and

WHEREAS, MCS can cause major personal, financial, employment, housing, and social consequences for people who have this disability; and

WHEREAS, MCS is recognized by ADA, Social Security Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. HUD and other state and national government agencies and commissions which have supported the health and welfare of the chemically injured; and

WHEREAS, reasonable accommodations can enable people with MCS to enjoy access to work, public facilities, and other settings where they can contribute their skills, ideas, creativity, abilities and knowledge; and

WHEREAS, people with MCS need the support and understanding of family, friends, co-workers and society as they struggle with their illness and adapt to new life styles; and

WHEREAS, last, but not least, our Gulf War Veterans who fought for our country and our freedom also suffer from the disabling condition along with 16 percent of the population that we know of from Canada, Australia, Nova Scotia, U.S. and several other countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the state of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim May 2005, as

MULTIPLE CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY AWARENESS MONTH

in the state of Louisiana.



Attest By
The Governor

Joseph S. Keithen
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 22nd day of April
A.D., 2005.*

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor of Louisiana