

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

**TOXIC INJURY AWARENESS AND EDUCATION MONTH
IN SUPPORT OF WORLD-WIDE AWARENESS
MAY 2010**

- WHEREAS, *People of all ages throughout the world have developed illnesses from 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, our everyday products and environment. It can be caused by short-term or chronic exposure to one or more chemicals, frequently pesticides, and solvents; and*
- WHEREAS, *Toxic Injury may include multiple, often disabling illnesses and can be life threatening. 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 informed doctors clearly warrant further education in this field for the public in general, as well as practicing doctors, dentists, rescue personnel and other health care personnel, social service, rehabilitation, housing, architects, HVAC designers and installers, building maintenance and cleaning personnel, school and employer supervisors, persons at schools, work places and public facilities and pest control personnel "Knowledge is Power" and that Power is Knowledge and can save precious lives; and*
- WHEREAS, *There are diagnostic codes readily available for toxic effects of many chemicals found in our everyday environment and surrounds; and*
- WHEREAS, *Maryland is proud to join in support of increased awareness, education and research into the causes, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of Toxic Injury.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim
MAY 2010 as TOXIC INJURY AWARENESS AND EDUCATION MONTH in SUPPORT OF WORLD-WIDE AWARENESS.**

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 1st day of May
Two Thousand and ten



Martin O'Malley
Governor

Robert Ehrlich
Lt. Governor

John C. McPherson
Secretary of State