



A Proclamation by the Governor

Whereas, people of all ages in Nevada have developed a condition known as Multiple Chemical Sensitivity as a result of a single massive exposure or repeated low level exposures to toxic chemicals and other irritants in the environment; and

Whereas, MCS is a chronic condition for which there is no known cure and which symptoms include chronic fatigue, muscle and joint pain, rashes, asthma, short term memory loss, headaches and other respiratory and neurological problems; and

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

Whereas, the health of the general population is at risk from chemical exposures that can lead to illnesses that may be preventable through reduction or avoidance of chemicals in the air, water and food in both the indoor and outdoor environment; and

Whereas, MCS is recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act, Social Security Administration, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Environmental Protection Agency, as well as other state and national government agencies and commissions which have supported the health and welfare of the chemically injured; and

Whereas, reasonable accommodations, information about and recognition of MCS can provide opportunities for people with this disability to enjoy access to work, schooling, public facilities and other settings where they can continue to 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;

Now, Therefore, I, Kenny C. Guinn, Governor of the State of Nevada, do hereby proclaim the second week of May to be observed as

Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Awareness Week



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this *29th* day of *November*, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred ninety-nine.

Kenny C. Guinn
Governor