

A Proclamation by the Governor

Whereas, numerous people, including Nevadans have developed a condition known as Toxic Encephalopathy as a result of a single massive exposure or repeated low level exposures to toxic chemicals and other irritants in the environment; and

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

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

Whereas, this illness 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

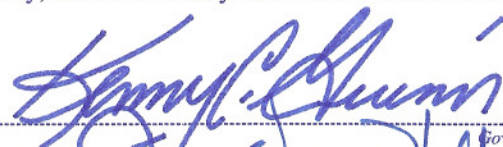
Whereas, reasonable accommodations, information about and recognition of TE can provide opportunities for people with these disabilities to enjoy access to work, schooling, public facilities and other settings where they can continue to contribute their skills, ideas, creativity, abilities and knowledge; and

Whereas, people with TE 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 2002 to be observed as

**Toxic Encephalopathy
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 April, 2002


Governor

