

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Toxic injury is a chronic, debilitating condition with no known cure, which people of every age, race, and background can contract from acute or chronic exposure to one or more chemicals frequently found in pesticides, solvents, and other common substances; and

WHEREAS: This condition is often characterized by medical intolerance or heightened sensitivity to very small amounts of air pollution, petrochemicals, mold, and other toxins in our homes, schools, workplaces, everyday products, and environment; and

WHEREAS: Symptoms of toxic injury include, but are not limited to, headaches, poor concentration, memory loss, stroke-like symptoms, seizures, heart palpitations, aching joints, burning sensations, breathing difficulty, and skin irritations; and

WHEREAS: Toxic Injury can be life-threatening and can also cause serious financial, employment, learning, housing, health, social difficulties; and

WHEREAS: The prevalence of toxic injury and the lack of knowledge about this disorder warrant further education in this field for the public in general, as well as for practicing doctors, dentists, and rescue, health-care, social service, and rehabilitation personnel, along with those in the housing industry, architects, HVAC designers and installers, building maintenance and cleaning personnel, school and employer/supervisory persons at schools, workplaces, and public facilities, and pest-control personnel; and

WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas places a high priority on the health and well-being of its citizens and joins in efforts to raise awareness about toxic injury by urging citizens to make safer product choices and implement safer practices when handling dangerous chemicals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE BEEBE, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim May 2010, as

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across the State of Arkansas, and urge all citizens to increase awareness, education, understanding, and research into the causes, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of toxic injury.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 23rd day of February, in the year of our Lord 2010.



  
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MIKE BEEBE, GOVERNOR

  
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CHARLIE DANIELS, SECRETARY OF STATE