

# Proclamation

REQUESTED BY THE  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BROWARD COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, people of all ages in Broward County and throughout the world have developed a condition known as Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) as a result of environmental pollution; and

**WHEREAS**, MCS is a chronic condition of hypersensitivity for which there is no cure; and

**WHEREAS**, the symptoms of MCS may include severe adverse reactions to the environment, food intolerance, muscle and joint pain, rashes, short-term memory loss, and respiratory and neurological problems; and

**WHEREAS**, MCS is recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Social Security Administration, U.S. Housing and Urban Development, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and other governmental agencies and commissions; 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; and

**WHEREAS**, these illnesses may be preventable through reduction or avoidance of chemicals in the air, water, and food in both indoor and outdoor environments; and

**WHEREAS**, information about and recognition of MCS can provide opportunities for many people with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, identification of MCS can enable many individuals to enjoy access to work, schooling, public facilities, and other settings where they can continue to contribute their skills, ideals, 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 lifestyles; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

That the Board hereby declares the month of May 2008 as "**MULTIPLE  
CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY AWARENESS MONTH**" in Broward County, Florida.

May 1, 2008  
Date



Lois Wexler  
Mayor