

State of



Connecticut

By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, people of all ages throughout the world have developed Toxic Injury, illnesses, and disabilities from toxic exposures; and

*W*HEREAS, Toxic Injury is often characterized by medical intolerance to very small amounts of air pollution, petrochemicals, and other toxins found in homes, everyday products and the environment and can be caused by short-term or chronic exposure to one or more chemicals, frequently pesticides, and solvents; and

*W*HEREAS, Toxic Injury may include multiple, often disabling illnesses and can be life threatening; and

*W*HEREAS, 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

*W*HEREAS, the prevalence of these illnesses and the lack of knowledge and qualified doctors clearly warrant further education in this field for the public in general, future as well as practicing doctors, dentists, rescue personnel and other health care, social service, and rehabilitation providers; architects; HVAC designers and installers; building maintenance and cleaning personnel; employer/supervisory persons at schools, work places and public facilities; and pest control personnel; and

*W*HEREAS, "knowledge is power," and that power of knowledge can save precious lives; and

*W*HEREAS, there are diagnostic codes readily available for toxic effects of many chemicals found in our everyday environment and surroundings; and

*W*HEREAS, those suffering with Toxic Injury deserve the same rights, acknowledgement, respect, support and help allotted to other illnesses and disabilities; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim the month of May 2008, as

TOXIC INJURY AWARENESS & EDUCATION MONTH

in the State of Connecticut and urge all citizens to increase their awareness, education, and understanding of the causes, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of Toxic Injury.



M. Jodi Rell
Governor