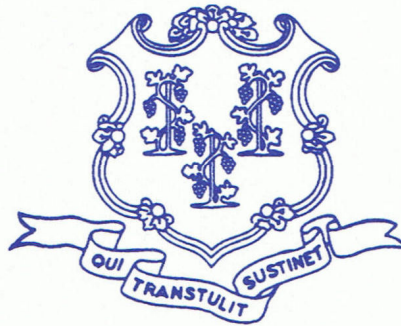


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By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

## Official Statement

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

WHEREAS, 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

WHEREAS, Toxic Injury may include multiple, often disabling illnesses and can be life threatening; and

WHEREAS, Toxic Injury is a chronic debilitating condition for which there is no known cure, and which may cause serious financial, employment, learning, housing, health, social and other consequences; and

WHEREAS, the prevalence of these illnesses and the lack of knowledge and qualified doctors warrants further education in this field for the public in general, 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; supervisory persons at schools, work places and public facilities; and pest control personnel; and

WHEREAS, "knowledge is power," and that power of knowledge can save precious lives; and

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

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

THEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim the month of May 2009, 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