



## *Toxic Injury Awareness Month*

May 2010

A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**WHEREAS**, people of all ages have developed toxic injury illnesses and disabilities from toxic exposures; and

**WHEREAS**, toxic injury includes chronic debilitating conditions with no known cure that can affect the respiratory, central nervous, immune, musculoskeletal, porphyrin metabolism and hormone systems; and

**WHEREAS**, toxic injury is often due to very small amounts of air pollution, petrochemicals and other toxins found in homes, products, our environment, as well as short-term or chronic exposure to one or more chemicals, frequently pesticides, and solvents; and

**WHEREAS**, toxic injury is a worldwide problem and during this month public awareness is being made to educate everyone about toxic illness:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**, do hereby proclaim May 2010, as “**TOXIC INJURY AWARENESS MONTH**” in Washington, DC.

Adrian M. Fenty  
Mayor, District of Columbia