



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

TOXIC INJURY AWARENESS MONTH

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

WHEREAS, Toxic Injury is often characterized by heightened sensitivity to very small amounts of air pollution, petrochemicals, and other toxins found in our everyday products, homes, and environment. It can be caused by short-term or chronic exposure to one or more chemicals, frequently pesticides, or solvents and can start at any age; and

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

WHEREAS, the prevalence of these illnesses and lack of knowledge regarding Toxic Injury warrant further research and education to ensure the health of all Floridians; and

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

WHEREAS, 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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 2008 as *Toxic Injury Awareness Month*.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
Have hereunto set my hand
and caused the Great Seal of
the State of Florida to be
affixed at Tallahassee, the
Capitol, this 14th day of March,
in the year two thousand
eight.



A blue ink signature of Charlie Crist, written in a cursive style.

Governor