



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

TOXIC INJURY AWARENESS MONTH

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, our everyday products and environment. It 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, causing 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 clearly warrant further education in this field for the public in general, future as well as practicing doctors, dentists, rescue personnel as well as other health care, social service, rehabilitation, housing, architects, HVAC designers and installers, building maintenance and cleaning personnel, school and employer/supervisory persons at schools, work places and public facilities and pest control personnel. "Knowledge is Power", and that Power of Knowledge can save precious lives; and

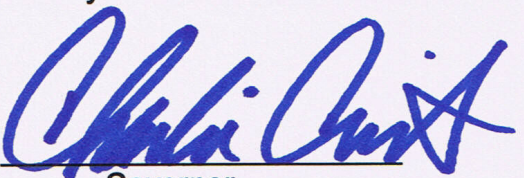
WHEREAS: There are diagnostic codes readily available for toxic effects of many chemicals found in our everyday environment and surroundings; and

WHEREAS: Those suffering with Toxic Injury deserve the same rights, acknowledgment, respect, support and help allotted to other illnesses and disabilities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 2009 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 13th day of April,
in the year two thousand nine


Governor