


State of Iowa
Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

PROCLAMATION

- 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.
- 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 & DISABILITIES:

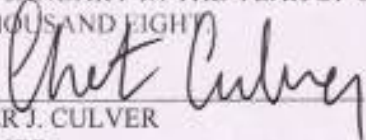
NOW THEREFORE, I, CHESTER J. CULVER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MAY 2008, AS

TOXIC INJURY AWARENESS AND EDUCATION MONTH

IN IOWA.

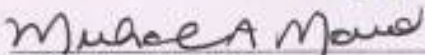


IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERE-UNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 29TH DAY OF JANUARY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND EIGHT



CHESTER J. CULVER
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



MICHAEL A. MAURO
SECRETARY OF STATE