

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



## 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, mold and other toxins found in homes, schools, work places, our everyday products and environment. It can be acute or chronic exposure to one or more chemicals, 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 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. "Applied Knowledge is Power," and that Power 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 & disabilities; and

**THEREFORE,** I, Haley Barbour, Governor of the State of Mississippi, support increased awareness, education, understanding and research into the causes, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of Toxic Injury and do hereby proclaim May 2011, as

## ***TOXIC INJURY AWARENESS & EDUCATION MONTH***

in the State of Mississippi.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the twelfth day of January in the year of our Lord, two thousand and eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-fifth.

Handwritten signature of Haley Barbour in blue ink.

HALEY BARBOUR  
GOVERNOR