



Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, people of all ages throughout the world have developed toxic injury, illnesses, and disabilities from toxic exposure; 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, everyday products and environment; and

WHEREAS, toxic injury can be caused by 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, 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 lives; and

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

WHEREAS, those suffering with toxic injury deserve the same rights, acknowledgement, respect, support and help allotted to other illnesses and disabilities.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim May 2011 to be

**TOXIC INJURY AWARENESS, EDUCATION
AND PREVENTION MONTH**


in Missouri.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 14th day of January, 2011.




Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor

Attest:


Secretary of State