



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

TOXIC INJURY AWARENESS AND EDUCATION MONTH

WHEREAS, people of all ages 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 the environment, and 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, 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, persons at schools, work places and public facilities and pest control personnel; and

WHEREAS, there are diagnostic codes readily available for toxic effects of many chemicals found in our everyday environment and surroundings, and those suffering with Toxic Injury deserve the same rights, acknowledgement, respect, support and help allotted to other illnesses and disabilities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Timothy M. Kaine, do hereby recognize May 2009 as **TOXIC INJURY AWARENESS AND EDUCATION MONTH** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Handwritten signature of Timothy M. Kaine in black ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Katherine F. Hanley in black ink.

Secretary of the Commonwealth