



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, people of all ages throughout the world have developed illnesses from Toxic Injury, also referred to by some as Chemically Induced Illness; and*

*WHEREAS, Toxic Injury is often characterized by heightened sensitivity to very small amounts of air pollution, petrochemicals and other toxins found in 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 & disabilities:*

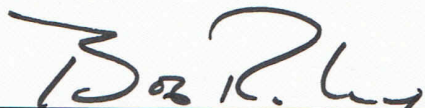
*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Riley, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 2008, as*

# *Toxic Injury Awareness and Education Month*

*in the State of Alabama.*



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 19th day of March 2008.*

  
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Governor Bob Riley