

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
State of Louisiana
Governor
Kathleen Babineaux Blanco

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) is a disorder in which people develop a variety of symptoms as a result of a single massive exposure or repeated low-level exposures to toxic chemicals and other irritants in the environment; and
- WHEREAS,** the symptoms of MCS are not limited to chronic fatigue, muscle and joint pains, rashes, asthma, short-term memory loss, headaches and other respiratory and neurological problems; and
- WHEREAS,** MCS is a chronic condition that usually involves the central nervous system and other organ systems; and
- WHEREAS,** there is no known cure for MCS; and
- WHEREAS,** MCS can cause major personal, financial, employment, housing, and social consequences for people who have this disability; and
- WHEREAS,** MCS is recognized by ADA, Social Security Administration, U.S. HUD and other state and national government agencies and commissions which have supported the health and welfare of the chemically injured; and
- WHEREAS,** reasonable accommodations can enable people with MCS to enjoy access to work, public facilities, and other settings where they can continue to contribute their skills, ideas, creativity, abilities and knowledge; and
- WHEREAS,** people with MCS need the support and understanding of family, friends, co-workers and society as they struggle with their illness and adapt to new life styles; and
- WHEREAS,** last but not least our Gulf War Veterans that fought for our country and our freedom also suffer from the disabling condition along with 16 percent of the population that we know of from Canada, Australia, Nova Scotia, U.S., and several other countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the state of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim May 2004, as

Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Awareness Month

in the state of Louisiana.



Attest By
The Governor

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Secretary of State

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this the 28th day of April A.D., 2004.

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor of Louisiana