

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, people of all ages in Washington have developed a condition known as Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS), also known as Environmental Illness (EI), as a result of either a single massive exposure or repeated low-level exposures to toxic chemicals and other irritants in the environment; and

WHEREAS, MCS is a chronic condition for which there is no known cure, and symptoms include chronic fatigue, muscle and joint pain, rashes, asthma, headaches, and other respiratory and neurological problems; and

WHEREAS, MCS is recognized by the 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, MCS can result in major financial, employment, housing, health, and social consequences for people who have this disability; and

WHEREAS, reasonable accommodations and raising awareness can provide opportunities for people with this disability to enjoy access to work, school, public facilities, and other settings where they can continue to contribute their professional skills, ideas, creativity, abilities, and knowledge; and

WHEREAS, people with MCS need the support and cooperation of family, friends, co-workers, and society as they manage their condition and adapt to new lifestyles;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 2020 as

Multiple Chemical Sensitivity/Environmental Illness Awareness Month

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.



Signed this 14th day of May, 2020

Governor Jay Inslee