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The State of \_\_\_\_\_

Proclamation

WHEREAS people of all ages in Washington have developed a condition known as Multiple Chemical Sensitivities (MCS) or 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; symptoms include chronic fatigue, muscle and joint pains, rashes, asthma, headaches, and other respiratory and neurological problems; 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 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, \_\_\_\_\_, Governor of the State of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, do hereby proclaim May 2020 as

**Multiple Chemical Sensitivity/Environmental Illness Awareness Month**

in \_\_\_\_ and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

Signed this \_\_ day of \_\_\_

Governor \_\_\_\_\_