



By His Excellency JOHN G. ROWLAND, Governor: an

Official Statement

WHEREAS, people of all ages in Connecticut and the world have developed a condition known as Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) as a result of a single massive exposure or repeated low levels 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, sleep disorders, and other respiratory and neurological problems; and

WHEREAS, MCS is a chronic condition for which there is no known cure; and

WHEREAS, MCS is recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act, Social Security Administration, U.S. HUD, Environmental Protection Agency other state and national government agencies and commissions which have supported the health and welfare of the chemically injured; and

WHEREAS, reasonable accommodations, information about and recognition of MCS can provide opportunities for people with this disability to enjoy access to work, schooling, 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, the health of the general population is at risk from chemical exposures that can lead to illnesses that may be preventable through reduction or avoidance of chemicals in the air, water, and food in both the indoor and outdoor environments; now

THEREFORE, I, JOHN G. ROWLAND, Governor of the State of Connecticut, in support of increased understanding, education and research that will aid in identifying causes, diagnosis, treatment and the prevention of MCS, do hereby proclaim May 6-12 as

MULTIPLE CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY (MCS) AWARENESS WEEK
in the State of Connecticut.



John G. Rowland
Governor