



Toxic Injury Awareness Month

May 2005

A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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 Chemical 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 can start at any age; and


WHEREAS, Toxic Injury may include multiple, often disabling illnesses, affecting the respiratory, central nervous, immune, musculoskeletal, porphyrin, energy metabolism and endocrine systems 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, 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 and disabilities:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim May 2005, as **"TOXIC INJURY AWARENESS MONTH"** in Washington, DC.



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