

# Office of the Mayor

# Proclamation

- Whereas:** Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) is a chronic disorder with no known cure in which people develop a variety of symptoms and conditions as a result of a single massive exposure or repeated low-level exposures to toxic chemical and other irritants in the environment; and
- Whereas:** MCS usually involves the central nervous system and other organ systems causing symptoms including but not limited to chronic fatigue, muscle and joint pains, rashes, asthma, short term memory loss, headaches, and other respiratory and neurological problems resulting in conditions that cause deteriorating health; and
- Whereas:** MCS is recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Social Security Administration, the World Health Organization, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, as well as other government agencies and commissions; and
- Whereas:** People with MCS deserve the same rights and recognition allotted to persons with other illnesses and disabilities. People with this condition need the support and understanding of family, friends, co-workers, and society as they struggle with their illness and work to minimize their health challenges; and
- Whereas:** Both public and private entities can make reasonable accommodations to allow people with MCS safe, non-hazardous access to the workplace, public facilities, and other venues where they may continue to employ their talents and abilities as contributing members of society; and
- Whereas:** Governor Ted Strickland urges all Ohioans “to support understanding, education, and research into the causes, treatment, and prevention of multiple chemical sensitivity” in recognition of the devastating disability.

**Now therefore I,** Thomas E. O’Grady, Mayor of the City of North Olmsted, on behalf of our entire community, do hereby proclaim May 2009 as Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Awareness Month and encourage all people to support education and research for the treatment and prevention of MCS.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of North Olmsted to be affixed this First day of May 2009.



Thomas O’Grady, Mayor