

Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) is a disorder in which people develop a variety of symptoms as a result of 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 that usually involves the central nervous system and other organ systems; and

WHEREAS, there is no known cure for MCS; and

WHEREAS, people with MCS disability are typically denied safe access for medical care, are not given reasonable accommodations for their disability in the workplace, and are discriminated against by many people, including their families; and

WHEREAS, Federal law provides that those with disabilities must be accommodated under the American with Disabilities Act; and people with MCS experience problems breathing, thinking, walking, working, etc; these impairments limit their life activities and are therefore covered under ADA law; and

WHEREAS, reasonable accommodations can enable people with MCS to enjoy access to work, public facilities, and other settings where they can continue to contribute their skills, ideas, creativity, abilities and knowledge; and

WHEREAS, past educational efforts have resulted in the creation of MCS hospital policy and nursing protocol at Southwest General Health Center in Middleburg Heights, and an MCS ad hoc committee at the U.S. Access Board where perfume-free policy for meetings is now protocol.

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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cyril M. Kleem, Mayor of the City of Berea, Ohio, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2009, as

MULTIPLE CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Berea, in support of increased understanding and education that will aid in the prevention of MCS as well as continued research into the causes and treatment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal
of the City of Berea, Ohio, this 27th day of
April, 2009.

Cyril M. Kleem, Mayor