

RESOLUTION NO. 12-18
INTRODUCED BY: Mr. Clark

A RESOLUTION
**PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY OF EACH YEAR AS MULTIPLE
CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY AWARENESS MONTH IN CUYAHOGA COUNTY,
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Disorder (MCS) is a chronic condition induced by exposure to toxic environmental chemicals, causing symptoms such as burning or stinging eyes, wheezing or shortness of breath, nausea, extreme fatigue, headache, poor memory or concentration, runny nose, skin rashes, sensitivity to light and noise, digestive upset, muscle and joint pain, rapid heartbeat, anxiety, and sleeping problems; and

WHEREAS, people with MCS typically have strong reactions to chemicals commonly found in the environment, such as perfumes, deodorants, paints, coatings on outdoor fences and furniture, chemicals applied to rugs and carpets, vehicle exhausts, and chemicals used in office equipment; and

WHEREAS, even though MCS is recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act, the US EPA, HUD, and the World Health Organization, MCS is still not well known or understood; and

WHEREAS, despite MCS not being well known or understood, it is quite common, with epidemiological studies showing incidence rates of 10-15% hypersensitivity to chemicals and 2-5% for diagnosable MCS; and

WHEREAS, we cannot in the modern world eliminate all potential chemical irritants but through greater awareness in the workplace, schools, medical community and other public settings, we can reduce the number of environmental triggers and afford MCS sufferers more understanding and respect; and

WHEREAS, several states and local communities have created MCS awareness observances centered on the month of May, which is appropriate since May marks the time when weather gets better, people start to spend more time outdoors and have a wider potential exposure to chemical triggers; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order to ensure that Cuyahoga County's first MCS Awareness Month observance can take place in May, 2012;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bay Village, Ohio:

SECTION 1. The Mayor and City Council hereby proclaim the month of May of each year to be Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Awareness Month in Cuyahoga County to promote awareness in Cuyahoga County about Multiple Chemical Sensitivity

and about actions that can be taken to reduce chemical triggers and improve our environment for persons with MCS and others who could develop MCS through exposure to chemical triggers.

SECTION 2. That this Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare, and for the further reason that it is necessary to protect and improve the health of residents, wherefore this resolution shall be in full force and take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: April 2, 2012

/s/ Paul A. Koomar
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

/s/ Joan T. Kemper
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: April 3, 2012

/s/ Deborah L. Sutherland
MAYOR