

**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY OF EACH YEAR AS
MULTIPLE CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY AWARENESS MONTH**

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 state 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 the City of Beachwood's first MCS Awareness Month observance can take place in May, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Beachwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio:

Section 1: The Council of the City of Beachwood hereby proclaim the month of May of each year to be Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Awareness Month in the City of Beachwood and to promote awareness in the City of Beachwood 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.

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Section 2: It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order to ensure that the first Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Awareness Month observance can take place in May, 2012, and to protect and improve the health of the residents of the City of Beachwood. Provided that this Resolution passes, this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon the signature of the Mayor and shall be in full force and effect after the earliest time permitted by law.


Section 3: The Clerk of Council, in cooperation with Council members, is hereby directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to all Mayors and Council Presidents of municipalities in Cuyahoga County, Ohio and to the Superintendent and School Board President located in the City of Beachwood.

Section 4: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its Committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

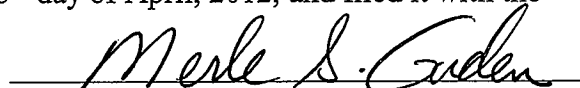
Section 5. This Resolution is hereby declared public peace, health or safety or the efficient operation of the City, such necessity existing by reason of the immediate necessity to proclaim the month of May of each year to be Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Awareness Month in the City of Beachwood.

WHEREFORE, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest date permitted by law.

Attest: I hereby certify this Resolution was duly adopted on the 2nd day of April 2012 and presented to the Mayor for approval or rejection in accordance with Article III, Section 8 of the Charter on the 3rd day of April, 2012.


Clerk

Approval: I have approved this legislation this 3rd day of April, 2012, and filed it with the Clerk.


Mayor

CITY OF *Beachwood*
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Council
~~Margaret A. Cannon, Law Director~~

FROM: Merle S. Gorden, Mayor *msg/dn*

DATE: March 20, 2012

SUBJECT: April 2, 2012 Agenda

Please find the attached information for your review. Unless you have any objection and let me know by March 30th, this Resolution will be placed on the next Agenda for Council's consideration.

As such, I ask that the Law Department make the necessary arrangements at this time to put this Resolution on the April 2nd Agenda.

Thank you.

MSG/dn

Enclosures

Cc: Karen Navolanic, Clerk of Council (w/encl.)



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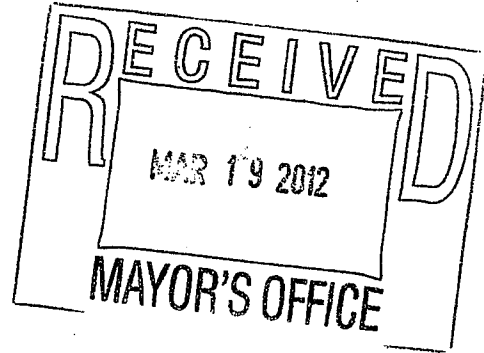
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Jeanne M. Schmotzer

March 14, 2012



Mayor Merle Gorden
City of Beachwood
25325 Fairmount Blvd
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Attached is the following Resolution adopted by the Cuyahoga County Council on February 28, 2012.

R2012-0011 – A Resolution proclaiming the month of May of each year as Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Awareness Month in Cuyahoga County, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Council proclaimed this month in order to promote awareness about Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) 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. By way of this Resolution, the Cuyahoga County Council encourages you to pass similar legislation.

Respectfully Yours,

Cuyahoga County Council

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeanne M. Schmotzer'.
Jeanne M. Schmotzer
Clerk of Council

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2012-0011

Sponsored by: **Councilmembers
Miller, Simon, Conwell, Rogers
and Connally**

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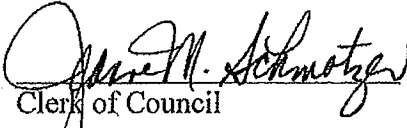
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Clerk of Council

2/28/2012
Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: January 24, 2012
Committee(s) Assigned: Environment & Sustainability

Second Reading: February 14, 2012

Amended on the Floor: February 14, 2012

Additional Sponsorship Requested on the Floor: February 28, 2012

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