

City Of Bedford

Office of the Mayor

# Proclamation



Whereas:

**TO PROCLAIM MAY AS MCS AWARENESS AND EDUCATION MONTH IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD.**

**WHEREAS:** 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:** the symptoms of MCS are not limited to chronic fatigue, muscle and joint pains, rashes, asthma, short term memory loss, headaches and other respiratory and neurological problems; 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:** MCS can cause major personal financial, employment, housing and social consequences for people who have this disability; and

**WHEREAS:** MCS is recognized by ADA, Social Security Administration, U.S. HUD and other state and national government agencies and commissions which have supported the health and welfare of the chemically injured; and

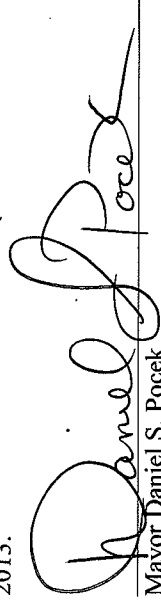
**WHEREAS:** reasonable accommodations can enable people with MCS to enjoy access to work, public facilities, and other settings where they can continue to contribute their skills, ideas, creativity, abilities and knowledge; and

**WHEREAS:** 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; and

**WHEREAS:** last but not least our Gulf War Veterans that fought for our country and our freedom also suffer from the disabling condition along with 16 percent of the population that we know of from Canada, Australia, Nova Scotia, U.S. and several other countries.

**THEREFORE,** I, Daniel S. Pocek, Mayor of the City of Bedford, on behalf of the City Council and Citizens of Bedford, do hereby make the **Month of May MCS Awareness Month.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I do hereby set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Bedford to be affixed hereto this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2013.

  
Mayor Daniel S. Pocek