

# Proclamation

OFFICE OF MAYOR FRANK G. JACKSON

*City of Cleveland, Ohio*

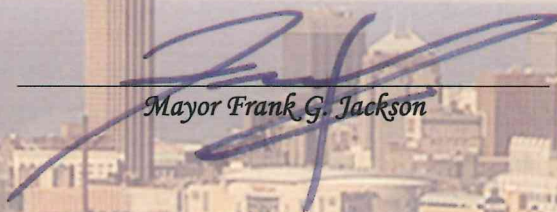
*In recognition of*

## Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Awareness and Education Month

- Whereas,* on behalf of the citizens of the City of Cleveland, I am honored to offer this Proclamation designating May as Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) Awareness and Education Month in the City of Cleveland; and,
- Whereas,* 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. The symptoms of MCS can be disabling and life threatening and include, but are not limited to, chronic fatigue, muscle and joint pains, rashes, asthma, stroke, short term memory loss, headaches and other respiratory and neurological problems; and,
- Whereas,* MCS is a preventable chronic condition that usually involves the central nervous system and other systems for which there is no known cure that can cause major personal, financial, employment, housing, and social consequences for people who have this disability; and,
- Whereas,* MCS is recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Social Security Administration, United States Housing of Urban Development, U.S. Access Board, the National Council on Independent Living 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. People with MCS need the support of family, friends, co-workers and society as they struggle with their illness and adapt to new lifestyles; and,
- Whereas,* the City of Cleveland works to improve the quality of life of residents and visitors alike through the Healthy Cleveland Initiative and Sustainable Cleveland 2019 and has implemented specific programs and policies to help limit exposure to environmental toxins, remediate brownfields and improve public health.

*Now therefore, I, Frank G. Jackson, the 56<sup>th</sup> Mayor of the City of Cleveland, do hereby offer this Proclamation declaring May as Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Awareness Month in the City of Cleveland. I encourage all citizens to take this opportunity to educate themselves on MCS.*

*In witness thereof, I have set my hand and caused the Corporate Seal of the City of Cleveland to be affixed on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May in the year 2014.*

  
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Mayor Frank G. Jackson