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THE OHIO NETWORK FOR THE CHEMICALLY INJURED

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**JOIN US TO CREATE CHANGE
DURING MCS AWARENESS AND EDUCATION MONTH**

Change Needs You! The causes of many health conditions can be avoided if we educate ourselves, join forces with others, and take responsibility to create the necessary changes that will make our little corner of the world safer and healthier for all of us.

The Ohio Network for the Chemically Injured (ONFCI) and the Greater Cleveland Endometriosis Association Support Group are working together to provide information to the public to help them learn how to identify and avoid environmental triggers that may be causing harm to their health. Their brochure *Food for Thought* contains many helpful ideas and is available at www.ohionetwork.org . Copies will also be available at all 28 branches of the Cuyahoga County Public Library and the Science and Technology Department at the main branch of Cleveland Public Library during May, which is Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) Awareness Month.

Chemical sensitization and reproductive disorders (endometriosis) are only two of many diseases that can be caused by chemical exposures. Others include: asthma, diabetes, depression, cancer, Parkinsons, autism, and learning disabilities. Children are more vulnerable to exposures because their immune systems do not fully develop until their mid-teens.

Governor Ted Strickland has urged all Ohioans “to support understanding, education, and research into the causes, treatment and prevention of multiple chemical sensitivity” in recognition of the devastating disability. People will be protecting their own health and the health of others by eliminating the use of environmental triggers that harm those with MCS.

For information about MCS visit www.envhealthproject.org/envn10v06.shtml . For endometriosis or related infertility call (440) 826-9027. ONFCI is a 501C3 organization.