



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Stevens Johnson Syndrome (SJS) and Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis (TEN), a more severe form of SJS, are severe adverse reactions most commonly caused by medication; and,

WHEREAS, almost any medication, including over the counter drugs, can cause SJS; and,

WHEREAS, SJS affects people of ages, and

WHEREAS, SJS is not uncommon, with estimates of incidence for the spectrum of SJS and TEN ranging from two to seven cases per million people per year; and,

WHEREAS, recognizing the early symptoms of SJS and prompt medical attention are the most invaluable tools in minimizing the possible long-term effects SJS may have on its victims;

WHEREAS, the health and safety of our citizens is of utmost importance, the State of Tennessee is committed to raising awareness and supporting all efforts to minimize the effects of life-threatening diseases such as Stevens Johnson Syndrome;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of June, 2012 as

STEVENS-JOHNSON SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this 11th day of June, 2012.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bill Haslam", written over a horizontal line.

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joe Vargitt", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State

