



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Stevens Johnson Syndrome (SJS) and Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis (TEN), another form of SJS, are severe adverse reactions to medication; and

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

WHEREAS, while SJS affects people of all ages, a large number of its victims are children, and

WHEREAS, the incidence of SJS and Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis is considerable, 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; and

WHEREAS, it is important to raise awareness and support efforts to minimize the effects of life-threatening diseases such as Stevens Johnson Syndrome;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim August 2021 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 twenty-first day of July, 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Lee".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lee Hargett".

Secretary of State

