



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Stevens Johnson Syndrome and Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis, 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**, SJS affects people of ages and a large amount of its victims are children, and

**WHEREAS**, the incidence of SJS and Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis is considerable at 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**, the health and safety of our citizens is of utmost importance and 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 August 2014 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-fifth day of June, 2014.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bill Haslam".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joe Hargett".

Secretary of State