



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Stevens-Johnson Syndrome (SJS) 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 all ages, including many children; and

WHEREAS, according to the New England Journal of Medicine, more than 2 million Americans fall ill and are hospitalized every year as a result of SJS, and more than 140,000 are never released; and

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

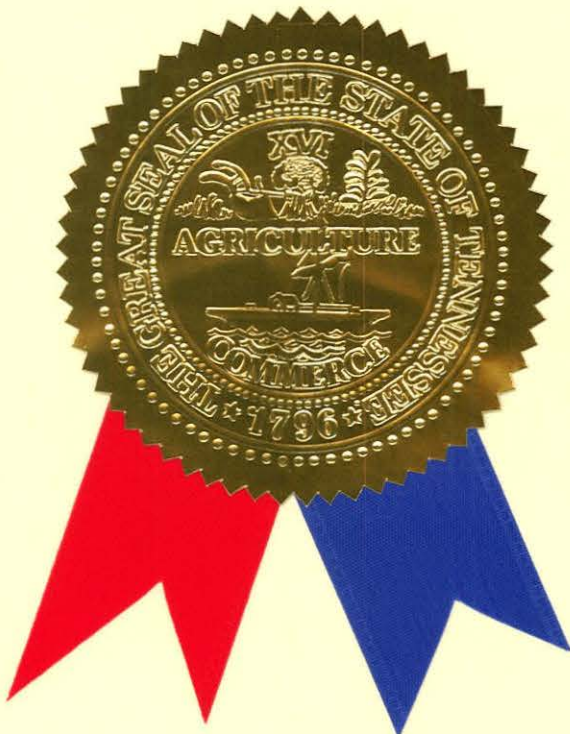
WHEREAS, the health and safety of our citizens is of utmost importance and the State of Tennessee is committed to minimize the effects of life-threatening diseases such as Stevens-Johnson Syndrome;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of August 2013 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 19th day of July, 2013.



Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Regal in blue ink.

Secretary of State