



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, 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 Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of August, 2015 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-second day of January, 2015.



Bill Haslam

Governor

Joe Rye

Secretary of State