

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** affecting the skin and mucous membranes, Stevens-Johnson Syndrome (SJS) is a severe allergic reaction to medication; and

**WHEREAS,** almost any medication, including prescribed and over-the-counter drugs such as antibiotics, anti-convulsants, and anti-inflammatory medications, can cause SJS; and

**WHEREAS,** SJS can lead to complications that include eye problems, damage to the lungs, heart, kidneys, and liver, permanent skin damage, and sepsis; and

**WHEREAS,** recognizing the early symptoms and receiving prompt medical treatment are key to minimizing any possible long-term effects of this disease.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 2015 as

### STEVENS-JOHNSON SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about Stevens-Johnson Syndrome and to work together to raise awareness of this debilitating illness.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

**NIKKI R. HALEY**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**