

# 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 that can result in death if left untreated; 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 that can lead to blindness, 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 2013 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 black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

NIKKI R. HALEY  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA