

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.



NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA