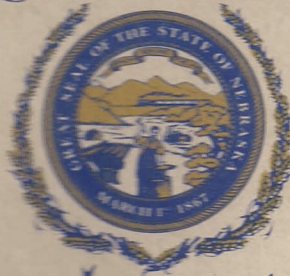


STATE OF NEBRASKA



Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Stevens Johnson Syndrome was discovered in 1922 by 2 pediatricians, A.M. Stevens and F.C. Johnson, after they diagnosed a child with "severe ocular and oral involvement to a drug reaction;" and

WHEREAS,

Stevens Johnson Syndrome and its offshoot, Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis, are severe adverse reactions to medication, including reactions to recommended drugs that help cure the three leading causes of premature death in the United States – heart disease, cancer and diabetes; and

WHEREAS,

More than 2 million Americans are hospitalized annually as a result of taking recommended drugs, of which 140,000 are never released and eventually perish; and

WHEREAS,

The most commonly implicated drugs are anti-convulsants, antibiotics and anti-inflammatory medications, and it is generally thought that Stevens Johnson Syndrome, commonly considered a rare disease, may be more prevalent due to the lack of accurately reported cases to the Federal Drug Administration; and

WHEREAS,

The State of Nebraska recognizes Stevens Johnson Syndrome as a serious and deadly disease, and encourages citizens to research and become educated about the affects and prevention methods of this devastating malady.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Dave Heineman, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of August, 2010, as

STEVENS JOHNSON SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to take due note of the observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Tenth day of March, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Ten.



Attest