



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Stevens Johnson Syndrome (SJS) is a rare immune complex hypersensitivity reaction that can be caused from immune response to drugs; and

**WHEREAS**, Stevens Johnson Syndrome and Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis another form of SJS, are rare but severe reactions to medication; and

**WHEREAS**, SJS was discovered by two pediatricians, A.M. Stevens and S.C. Johnson, after diagnosing a child with severe ocular and oral involvement to a drug reaction; and

**WHEREAS** almost any medication including some over the counter drugs, can cause SJS, which affects all ages and genders, with most cases occurring in children and young adults under 30; and

**WHEREAS**, the most severe form of SJS is Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis, occurring twice as often in females; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing the early symptoms of SJS and receiving prompt medical attention are the most valuable tools in minimizing the possible long-term effects of this disease; NOW,

**THEREFORE, NOW**, I Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim August 2010 as

## STEVEN JOHNSON SYNDROME 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 28th day of April, 2010.

Handwritten signature of Phil Bredesen in blue ink.

Governor

