



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Stevens Johnson Syndrome (SJS) and TEN (Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis) - another form of SJS - are severe adverse reactions to medication; and

WHEREAS, almost any medication, including over the counter drugs, can cause SJS; and

WHEREAS, SJS affects people of all ages and a large amount of its victims are children; and

WHEREAS, according to the New England Journal of Medicine, over 2 million Americans fall ill and are hospitalized every year from taking these recommended drugs and, of the 2 million that are admitted, over 140,000 are never released; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the early symptoms of SJS and prompt medical attention are the most invaluable tools in minimizing the possible long-term effects SJS may have on its victims;

WHEREAS, the health and safety of our citizens is of utmost importance and the State of Alabama is committed to raising awareness and supporting all efforts to minimize the effects of life-threatening diseases such as Stevens Johnson Syndrome; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Riley, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim August 2007, as

Steven Johnson Syndrome Awareness Month

in the State of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 1st day of August 2007.