



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

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

WHEREAS, Stevens Johnson Syndrome and Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis (TEN) another form of SJS, are 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 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 sever 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, I Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim August 2007 as

STEVENS JOHNSON SYNDROME AWARENESS 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 25th day of July, 2007.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Phil Bredesen".

Governor