



STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*A Message from the Governor:*

*Stevens Johnson Syndrome (SJS) is a severe adverse reaction to certain medications. It causes painful and life-threatening blistering in the skin and other tissues, such as mucous membranes of the mouth and eyes. Even in non-fatal cases, it can cause blindness and disfigurement.*

*Because it is an uncommon condition, SJS may often be misdiagnosed. Nonprofit organizations, medical groups and people affected by SJS are working together to increase awareness, which may help save lives as more medical professionals are able to correctly identify cases of SJS in time to properly treat them.*

*At this time, I encourage all Texans to learn more about Stevens Johnson Syndrome, its symptoms and how to fight it. Improving public knowledge about dangerous diseases like SJS is an important part of ensuring the best possible health care for all Texans.*

*Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, extend best wishes to everyone observing:*

***Stevens Johnson Syndrome Month***  
***August 2009***

*Sincerely,*

***Rick Perry***

*Rick Perry  
Governor*

