

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

A PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, more than two million Americans are hospitalized each year with SJS, and more than 140,000 of these die as a result of this illness; and

WHEREAS, almost any medication – even over-the-counter drugs – can cause SJS; and

WHEREAS, a large portion of SJS victims are children, although the illness does not discriminate based on age, race or gender and

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

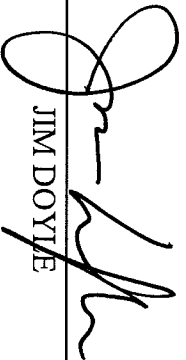
WHEREAS, by raising public awareness of SJS, the State of Wisconsin seeks to minimize the devastating effects of the illness; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim August, 2009 as

STEVENS JOHNSON SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this fourth day of August in the year two thousand nine.


JIM DOYLE

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State