

# Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear  
Governor

of the

## Commonwealth of Kentucky



*To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

- WHEREAS, Stevens Johnson Syndrome (SJS) and 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 ages and a large amount of its victims are children; and
- WHEREAS, According to the *New England Journal of Medicine*, more than two million Americans fall ill and are hospitalized every year from taking these recommended drugs, and of those two million who are admitted, more than 140,000 do not survive; and
- WHEREAS, Recognizing the early symptoms of SJS and providing prompt medical attention are the most invaluable tools in minimizing the possible long-term effects SJS may have on its victims; and
- WHEREAS, The health and safety of our citizens is of utmost importance, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky is committed to raising awareness and supporting all efforts to minimize the effects of life-threatening diseases such as SJS;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim August, 2011 as

### STEVENS JOHNSON SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

in Kentucky.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eleven and in the 220<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steven L. Beshear".

STEVEN L. BESHEAR  
GOVERNOR