

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

## STEVEN JOHNSON SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH AUGUST 2011

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WHEREAS, Those afflicted with SJS experience severe inflammation of the mucus membranes and, if left untreated, SJS can result in blindness, other serious health problems, and death; 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; and

WHEREAS, The health and safety of our citizens is of the utmost importance and the State of Maryland is committed to raising awareness and supporting all efforts to minimize the effects of lifethreatening diseases such as Stevens Johnson Syndrome.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim AUGUST 2011 as Steven Johnson Syndrome Awareness Month in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.

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