



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *Stevens-Johnson Syndrome (SJS) and the related disease, Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis (TEN), are severe, adverse, allergic reactions to particular types of medication; and*

WHEREAS, *the drugs often associated with SJS, are anti-convulsants and commonly used antibiotics and anti-inflammatory medications, both which can be professionally prescribed or purchased over the counter; and*

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

WHEREAS, *SJS typically involves multiple areas of the body and extensive lesion formations. The lesions can extend to the mucous membranes, thus affecting the lungs, eyes, mouth, stomach, intestines and virtually every major organ; and*

WHEREAS, *recognizing the early symptoms of this syndrome and receiving prompt medical attention are the most valuable tools for minimizing any possible long-term impact SJS may have on its victims; and*

WHEREAS, *indisputably public awareness of this horrendous syndrome is another valuable tool for minimizing the possible long-term impact SJS may have on its victims; and*

WHEREAS, *in raising public awareness of SJS, the State of New Jersey seeks to lessen the devastating effects of this illness among the residents of New Jersey and people beyond our borders;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

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in New Jersey and urge all residents to increase their awareness and understanding of this devastating syndrome, as early recognition and avoidance of possible offending agents may reduce the incidences and/or severity of SJS.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this first day of August in the year two thousand eleven, the two hundred thirty-sixth year of the Independence of the United States.

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