

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- 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 all ages and a large amount of its victims are children; and
- WHEREAS:** According to the New England Journal of Medicine, over 2 million Americans fall ill and are hospitalized every year from taking these recommended drugs and of that 2 million that are admitted, over 140,000 are never released; 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 utmost importance and the State of Oregon is committed to raising awareness and supporting all efforts to minimize the effects of life-threatening diseases such as Stevens-Johnson Syndrome.
- NOW,**
THEREFORE: I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim the month of August 2011 to be

Stevens-Johnson Syndrome Awareness Month

In Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to support them in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, February 4, 2011



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Kitzhaber", written in a cursive style.

John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate Brown", written in a cursive style.

Kate Brown, Secretary of State