

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

STEVENS-JOHNSON SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS) and toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN) are severe adverse reactions to medications; and

WHEREAS, SJS is usually caused by an allergic reaction to a drug or medication; the most common medications to trigger this condition are antibiotics, followed by analgesics and cough and cold medications, as well as anti-inflammatory, anticonvulsant, and anti-gout drugs; and

WHEREAS, Stevens-Johnson syndrome and toxic epidermal necrolysis can cause long-term effects, including changes in skin coloring, dryness of the skin, and hair loss; in some cases, individuals develop chronic dryness or inflammation of the eyes, which can lead to hypersensitivity to light and vision impairment; and

WHEREAS, SJS and TEN are rare diseases, affecting 1 to 2 per million people each year; and


WHEREAS, recognizing the early symptoms of SJS and prompt medical attention are the most valuable tools in minimizing the long-term side effects of the condition; and

WHEREAS, confirmed cases of Stevens-Johnson syndrome and toxic epidermal necrolysis are rare in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages people to raise awareness and support for those and their families affected by these rare diseases in our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim August, 2018, as “**STEVENS-JOHNSON SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-fourth day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.