



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, Stevens Johnson Syndrome was discovered in 1922 by two pediatricians, A.M. Stevens and F.C. Johnson, after they diagnosed a child with “severe ocular and oral involvement to a drug reaction”; and

WHEREAS, Stevens Johnson Syndrome and its offshoot, toxic epidermal necrolysis, are severe adverse reactions to medication, including reactions to recommended drugs that help cure the three leading causes of premature death in the United States – heart attack, cancer and diabetes; and

WHEREAS, more than 2 million Americans are hospitalized annually with Stevens Johnson Syndrome as a result of taking recommended drugs, of which 140,000 are never released and eventually perish; and

WHEREAS, the most commonly implicated drugs are anticonvulsants, antibiotics and anti-inflammatory medications, and it is generally thought that Stevens Johnson Syndrome, commonly considered a rare disease, may be more prevalent due to the lack of accurately reported cases to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim August 2014 to be

STEVENS JOHNSON AWARENESS MONTH

in Idaho.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 1st day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-fifth.



C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE