



## *A Proclamation by 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 those 2 million 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 of SJS; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Nevada 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, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim August 2014 as**

### **STEVENS JOHNSON SYNDROME MONTH**



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2014.

By the Governor \_\_\_\_\_ Governor

*Brian Sandoval*  
By \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary of State

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy