

PROCLAMATION



State of Florida
Collier County
City of Marco Island

A Proclamation Recognizing Stevens Johnson Syndrome Awareness Month

- WHEREAS,** *Stevens Johnson Syndrome (SJS) and Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis, another form of SJS, are severe adverse reactions to medication. SJS is one of the most debilitating conditions recognized; and*
- WHEREAS,** *SJS was discovered in 1922 and 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 that SJS may have on its victims; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the individuals affected with SJS and their families, friends, and caregivers are recognized; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the health and safety of our citizens is of utmost importance and the City of Marco Island is committed to raising awareness and supporting efforts to minimize the effects of life-threatening diseases such as Stevens Johnson Syndrome.*

NOW THEREFORE, *be it proclaimed by the City Council of the City of Marco Island, Florida, the month of August, 2019 is hereby recognized as Stevens Johnson Syndrome Awareness Month.*

DONE AND ORDERED *this 19th day of August 2019.*

Erik Brechnitz, City Council Chair

ATTEST

Laura Litzan, City Clerk