



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS) is a group of genetic connective tissue disorders characterized by looseness, instability, subluxation, and dislocations of the joints; fragile and often hyper-elastic skin that bruises, scars, and tears easily; acute and chronic pain; and unpredictable arterial and organ rupture, which can cause internal bleeding, shock, stroke, premature death, and many other symptoms; and

WHEREAS: It is estimated that EDS occurs in 1 in 5,000 births worldwide and is frequently misdiagnosed or undiagnosed, resulting in risk for serious injury, great discomfort and disability for affected individuals; and

WHEREAS: Early and accurate diagnosis can provide the opportunity for prevention of serious complications, and increasing hope for improved quality of life for people with EDS and their families; and

WHEREAS: There is currently no cure or effective treatment for the various subtypes of Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, and there also is a lack of evidence-based guidelines for diagnosis and management; and

WHEREAS: There currently is little research into EDS, but hope remains that by encouraging additional study, new understanding and improved treatments can be developed; and

WHEREAS: In honor of those bravely suffering from Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, EDS organizations will continue to educate the public and health care community, and assist with research in the hope of developing new levels of understanding, support, and improved treatments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2017, as:

EHLERS-DANLOS SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 26th day of April.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE