



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS) is a group of related inherited connective tissue genetic 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, and even premature death; and
- WHEREAS: It is estimated that Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome occurs in 1 in 5,000 births worldwide; and
- WHEREAS: Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome is frequently misdiagnosed or undiagnosed, resulting in greater serious injury risks, and discomfort and disability for affected individuals; and
- WHEREAS: Early and accurate diagnosis can help prevent of serious complications and improve 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: Additional research and study on this group of hereditary disorders of connective tissue is desperately needed; and
- WHEREAS: In honor of those suffering from Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, EDS organizations continue to educate the public and the 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 2018, as:

EHLERS-DANLOS SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



Steve Pinnon

SECRETARY OF STATE

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 24th day of April.

Mark Dayton

GOVERNOR