



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Ehlers-Danlos syndrome (EDS) is a group of connective tissue genetic disorders characterized by looseness, instability, and dislocations of the joints; fragile and often hyperelastic skin that bruises, scars, and tears easily; and many other symptoms which vary by type. It is estimated that EDS occurs in one in 5,000 births worldwide; and

WHEREAS: Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome is frequently misdiagnosed or undiagnosed, resulting in great discomfort and disability for affected individuals. There is neither routine screening nor a cure for EDS. Early and accurate diagnosis can provide the opportunity to create medical plans, ensure proper monitoring, and improved quality of life for people with EDS and their families; and

WHEREAS: Little research into EDS is being undertaken at this time, but there continues to be hope that genetic testing and research will be increased. By encouraging further studies of EDS, new understanding and improved treatments can be developed. Current work in Minnesota and at research institutions across the nation can be expanded and increased, improving knowledge that allows for earlier and more effective management of EDS, preventing unnecessary complications, and increasing hope for a better quality of life; and

WHEREAS: In honor of those bravely suffering from Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, EDS organizations will continue to educate the public and the healthcare community, assist with research, and help connect those managing life with the disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May, 2012 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 27th day of April.

Handwritten signature of Mark Dayton in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of the Secretary of State in blue ink, written over a horizontal line.

SECRETARY OF STATE