

WHEREAS; Ehlers-Danlos syndromes (EDS) represent several genetic disorders involving mutations in connective tissue, and each type of EDS has its own set of symptoms with variations, including joint hypermobility, skin hyperextensibility, tissue fragility, and more; and

WHEREAS; further, hypermobility spectrum disorders (HSD) are connective tissue disorders that cause joint hypermobility, instability, injury, and pain and are commonly associated with rare medical conditions such as EDS, according to Cleveland Clinic; and

WHEREAS; there are 13 types of EDS, and according to Cleveland Clinic, it is estimated that at least one in 5,000 individuals worldwide have the condition; and

WHEREAS; while both EDS and HSD have no known treatment or cure, early and accurate diagnosis helps to allow medical professionals to create life-saving medical plans to ensure a quality of life for people living with EDS or HSD; and

WHEREAS; a network of EDS and HSD support groups in Wisconsin helps connect those handling life with these disorders, provides resources to medical professionals, and offers hope and healing to those affected by the condition and their families; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins dedicated advocates and organizations statewide in raising awareness of EDS and HSD to further educate and support medical research that will lead to the development of treatments and a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 2025 as

**EHLERS-DANLOS SYNDROMES AND
HYPERMOBILITY SPECTRUM DISORDERS
AWARENESS MONTH**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 25th day of April 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State