

WHEREAS; Ehlers-Danlos syndromes (EDS) represent multiple genetic disorders involving mutations in connective tissue that are characterized by joint hypermobility, skin hyperextensibility, and tissue fragility; and

WHEREAS; there are 13 types of EDS that are characterized by distinctive features, with vascular Ehlers Danlos being the most severe; and

WHEREAS; it is estimated that at least one in 5,000 individuals worldwide is affected by some form of EDS; and

WHEREAS; while EDS has no known treatment or cure, early and accurate diagnosis can provide the opportunity to create life-saving medical plans and ensure quality of life for folks living with EDS; and

WHEREAS; a network of EDS support groups can help connect those managing life with the disease, as well as better inform the medical community and the general public about EDS; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins dedicated advocates and organizations across our state in raising awareness of Ehlers-Danlos syndromes in the hope that further awareness and medical research 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 2021 as

## **EHLERS-DANLOS 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State