STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

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 14th day of April 2021.

Tony Evers
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State