

# 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 many different types of EDS, and it is estimated that at least one in 5,000 individuals worldwide is affected by some form of the condition; 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 individuals 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 EDS 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 2022 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of  
April 2022.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State