STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS; there are 15 types of Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes that are characterized by distinctive features, with vascular Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome being the most severe; and

WHEREAS; it is estimated that the prevalence of all types of the syndrome affect at least one in 5,000 people worldwide; and

WHEREAS; a network of Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes support groups can help connect those managing life with the disease, as well as better informing the healthcare community and the public; and

WHEREAS; early and accurate diagnosis can provide the opportunity to create life-saving medical plans and ensure quality of life for those diagnosed with Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes; and

WHEREAS; there is currently no treatment for the Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes and no known cure; and

WHEREAS; further medical research and awareness can bring hope for treatment and a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 2019 as

EHLERS-DANLOS AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

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 17th day of May 2019.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State