



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes (EDS) represent multiple genetic disorders involving mutations in connective tissue that are characterized by overly flexible joints and stretchy or fragile skin; and

WHEREAS, joint pain, early-onset arthritis, dislocations, frequent bruises or skin tears, severe scarring and slow wound healing often accompany EDS; and

WHEREAS, the vascular type of EDS is the most severe, affecting arteries, the large intestines, uterus and other organs; and

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

WHEREAS, a network of EDS support groups can help connect those managing life with the disease as well as better informing the health care community and the public; and

WHEREAS, many EDS patients look healthy on the outside but struggle daily with their invisible symptoms; and

WHEREAS, early and accurate diagnosis can provide the opportunity to create life-saving medical plans and ensure the quality of life; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no treatment for EDS and no known cure but further medical research and awareness can bring hope for treatment and a cure;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 2019 as

“EHLERS-DANLOS SYNDROME MONTH”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in raising awareness of Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome and to support and understand those who live with the challenges of EDS.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fifteenth day of May 2019.

JOSHUA B. GREEN
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i