



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### EHLERS-DANLOS SYNDROMES AWARENESS MONTH

- 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:** 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 those 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; and
- WHEREAS:** Further awareness and medical research can bring hope for the development of treatments and a cure for Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2021 as EHLERS-DANLOS SYNDROMES AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Masha Kipertovich*

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