



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

ELHERS-DANLOS SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS) is a rare, chronic, and lifelong disease that one in 5,000 people worldwide are affected primarily by their joints, ligaments, skin and blood vessel walls; and
- WHEREAS:** Individuals with EDS have a group of inherited disorders of the connective tissue which cause a wide range of symptoms including but not limited to extremely fragile skin, flexible joints that hyper extend and cause dislocations, muscle weakness, organ prolapse, heart problems, abnormal wound healing and bruising; and
- WHEREAS:** Due to the wide variability in EDS symptoms that intertwine and overlap with other related disorders, the most efficient and appropriate management for medical intervention can be challenging, involute, and elaborate; and
- WHEREAS:** A network of EDS support systems and groups can help connect people who are living with and having to manage life with these chronic conditions and better inform healthcare providers and the public at large; and
- WHEREAS:** There is currently no cure, nor routine screening for EDS. Accurate and early diagnosis can provide the opportunity for appropriate medical intervention at a timely manner when needed and an overall better quality of life. Treatment is based on managing symptoms when they occur and trying to prevent injuries from happening that could cause dangerous complications; and
- WHEREAS:** Raising further awareness can help lead to improved treatment options and provide a better understanding of the disorders and the individuals who have them; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2025 as ELHERS-DANLOS SYNDROME 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 27th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Laura M. Curry

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