

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The Ehlers-Danlos syndromes (EDS) are a rare group of connective tissue disorders that vary both in how they affect the body and in their genetic causes; and

WHEREAS: The Ehlers-Danlos syndromes are currently classified into thirteen subtypes. Symptoms vary based on subtype but can often include frequent dislocations, severe bruising, hypermobility, and poor wound healing. The Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes can cause severe chronic pain and be disabling; and

WHEREAS: Along with the many troubles this disability causes, such as financial hardships, social isolation, stress on the loved ones' supporters, some subtypes of Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome can result in death. The impact this causes on those around this loved one is tremendous; and

WHEREAS: Increased awareness about the Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes will help patients get diagnosed and find treatment earlier on and save lives as well as help individuals and their families find support for those coping with Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim May 2019, as

EHLERS-DANLOS SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

across the State, and I urge all citizens to recognize medical specialists and advocates for treating and raising awareness for the individuals affected by this group of disorders.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 1st day of May, in the year of our Lord 2019.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

John Thurston, Secretary Of State