



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

EHRLERS-DANLOS SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS) is a group of genetic disorders involving mutations in connective tissue characterized by looseness, instability, and dislocations of the joints, fragile and often hyperclastic skin that bruises, scars, and tears easily, unpredictable arterial and organ rupture, excessive internal bleeding, shock, stroke, and premature death; and
- WHEREAS: It is estimated that the prevalence of all six types of EDS is one in 5,000 births worldwide; and
- WHEREAS: Currently there is neither routine screening nor a cure for Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome. The disorder is frequently misdiagnosed resulting in greater discomfort and disability for patients. As such, individuals must take the initiative to seek a diagnosis from a knowledgeable health care provider; and
- WHEREAS: It is imperative that we increase genetic testing and research for Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome so those suffering can have a better quality of life. By encouraging further studies of this disorder, new understanding, interventions, and improved treatments can be developed; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2015 as EHLERS-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 30th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riden

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