



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

## A PROCLAMATION

### EHLERS-DANLOS SYNDROMES & HYPERMOBILITY SPECTRUM DISORDERS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Ehlers-Danlos syndromes (EDS) are a group of 13 heritable connective tissue disorders that together affect 1 in 5,000 people. Each type of EDS has its own set of symptoms, but some features are seen across all types of EDS, including joint hypermobility, skin hyperextensibility, and tissue fragility; and
- WHEREAS:** Hypermobility spectrum disorders (HSD) are connective tissue disorders that cause joint hypermobility, instability, injury, and pain. Other symptoms, such as fatigue, headaches, GI problems, and autonomic dysfunction are also often seen as part of HSD; and
- WHEREAS:** There is no cure for any type of EDS or HSD. The conditions are managed by addressing a person's symptoms. EDS and HSD can cause a variety of symptoms in many different areas of the body, so people with these conditions often require multiple providers in different specialties to manage their care; and
- WHEREAS:** Awareness about EDS and HSD by both medical professionals and the general public can help improve the lives of people living with EDS and HSD in Georgia by making room for more diagnosis, management, and research of these conditions; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2023, as EHLERS-DANLOS SYNDROMES AND HYPERMOBILITY SPECTRUM DISORDERS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF