

By: Representatives McCray, Eubanks, Hale,  
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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 86

1 A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE MONTH OF MAY 2024 AS  
2 "EHLERS-DANLOS SYNDROME AND HYPERMOBILITY SPECTRUM DISORDERS  
3 AWARENESS MONTH" WITHIN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AND ENCOURAGING  
4 CITIZENS TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS OBSERVANCE.

5 WHEREAS, Ehlers-Danlos syndromes (EDS) are a group of 13  
6 heritable connective tissue disorders that together affect 1 in  
7 5,000 people; and

8 WHEREAS, each type of EDS has its own set of symptoms, but  
9 some features are seen across all types of EDS, including joint  
10 hypermobility, skin hyperextensibility and tissue fragility; and

11 WHEREAS, hypermobility spectrum disorders (HSD) are  
12 connective tissue disorders that cause joint hypermobility,  
13 instability, injury and pain, as well as other symptoms, such as  
14 fatigue, headaches, gastrointestinal problems and autonomic  
15 dysfunction, which have been associated indicators of HSD; and

16 WHEREAS, there is no cure for any type of EDS or HSD,  
17 however, the conditions are managed by addressing an individual's  
18 symptoms; and



19           WHEREAS, EDS and HSD can cause a variety of symptoms in many  
20 different areas of the body, so people with these conditions often  
21 require multiple providers in different specialties to manage  
22 their care; and

23           WHEREAS, access to professionals who are knowledgeable about  
24 EDS and HSD is limited in the State of Mississippi, and this lack  
25 of awareness about EDS and HSD in the State of Mississippi and  
26 across the world provides a hinderance to the diagnosis,  
27 management and research of these conditions; and

28           WHEREAS, awareness about EDS and HSD by both medical  
29 professionals and the general public can help improve the lives of  
30 people living with EDS and HSD in the State of Mississippi; and

31           WHEREAS, the month of May would be an appropriate month to  
32 designate as Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome and Hypermobility Spectrum  
33 Disorders Awareness in evidence the House of Representatives'  
34 support of honoring those brave souls suffering from Ehlers-Danlos  
35 Syndrome and Hypermobility Spectrum Disorders:

36           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
37 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
38 acknowledge the month of May 2024 as "Ehelrs-Danlos Syndrome and  
39 Hypermobility Spectrum Disorders Awareness Month" within the State  
40 of Mississippi to encourage observation, awareness and  
41 opportunities for individuals with Ehelrs-Danlos Syndrome.



42           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be furnished to  
43 the Ehlers-Danlos Society and to the members of the Capitol Press  
44 Corps.

