

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.

