

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 14

**WHEREAS**, Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes and Hypermobility Spectrum Disorders Awareness Month took place in May 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Ehlers-Danlos syndromes (EDS) include 13 heritable connective tissue disorders that together affect an estimated 1 in 5,000 people; each disorder has its own set of symptoms, but all types of EDS are characterized by 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; in addition, other symptoms such as fatigue, headaches, gastrointestinal problems, and autonomic dysfunction are often a result of HSD; and

**WHEREAS**, There is currently no available cure for any type of EDS or HSD, and treatments typically focus on addressing symptoms; because the conditions can affect many different areas of the body, patients often require multiple providers in different specialties to manage their care; and

**WHEREAS**, Numerous patients impacted by EDS and HSD have limited access to professionals who are knowledgeable about these health issues; increased awareness about each condition is necessary to help diagnose patients, improve symptom management, and promote research initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, More work remains to be done to ensure that all EDS and HSD patients have access to quality health care, and the observance of Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes and Hypermobility Spectrum Disorders Awareness Month unites people across Texas and around the world in their commitment to that endeavor; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby recognize May 2023 as Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes and Hypermobility Spectrum Disorders Awareness Month.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 5, 2023.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate