



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: Each year, May is nationally recognized as Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes (EDS) and Hypermobility Spectrum Disorders Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS: Ehlers-Danlos syndromes are a group of disorders that affect the body's connective tissues including the skin, joints, blood vessels, gut, and many other organs and tissues; and

WHEREAS: EDS affects more than one in 5,000 people, both males and females of every age and race, and is a chronic, life-long condition; and

WHEREAS: Founded in 2018, Jacksonville is the home of the Ehlers-Danlos Support Group of Jacksonville; and

WHEREAS: The Ehlers-Danlos Support Group of Jacksonville's mission is to support all individuals affected by Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome and Hypermobility Spectrum Disorders in the Jacksonville, Florida region through education, community, & outreach; and

WHEREAS: In Jacksonville, the need for local support groups and awareness is essential to helping those living with EDS in our community, to provide an environment where they are able to be successful and thrive.

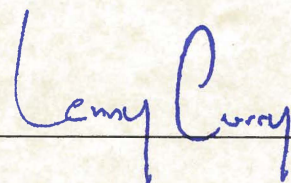
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 2021 as

**EHLERS-DANLOS SYNDROMES &
HYPERMOBILITY SPECTRUMS DISORDERS
AWARENESS MONTH**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize the needs of our local EDS community and support those who live with EDS each day.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this ^{19th} day of ^{March}
in the year Two Thousand '21



MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA