



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

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

WHEREAS: Each type of EDS and Hypermobility Spectrum Disorder (HSD) 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: There is no cure for any type of EDS or HSD. The conditions are managed by addressing an individual's symptoms, often requiring multiple specialists and care providers; and

WHEREAS: Access to professionals who are knowledgeable about EDS and HSD is limited in Jacksonville. Lack of awareness about EDS and HSD can bar access to diagnosis, pain and symptom management and future research of these conditions; and

WHEREAS: Increasing awareness of EDS and HSD in the community can improve the lives and outcomes of individuals living with EDS and HSD; and

WHEREAS: The Ehlers-Danlos Support Group of Jacksonville was founded in 2018 to support individuals and families affected by EDS and HSD. The Mayo Clinic of Jacksonville also raises awareness through their special clinic opened in 2020, which treats individuals from all over the country who live with these conditions.

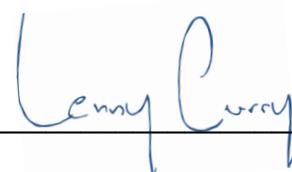
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby recognize May 2023 as the

EHLERS-DANLOS SYNDROMES & HYPERMOBILITY SPECTRUM DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to raise awareness of EDS and HSD and support those in the community living with EDS and HSD.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 25th Day of April in the year
Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA