

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Ehlers-Danlos syndromes are a group of genetic connective tissue disorders that are varied, both in how they affect the body and in their genetic causes; and

WHEREAS, they are generally characterized by joint hypermobility (joints that stretch further than normal causing chronic pain), skin hyperextensibility (skin that can be stretched further than normal leading to slow healing), and tissue fragility; and

WHEREAS, every May, people all over the world show their support for people living with and affected by the Ehlers-Danlos syndromes (EDS), and hypermobility spectrum disorders (HSD); and

WHEREAS, our shared mission is important throughout the year, but May is a time we all come together, share experiences, and highlight what is needed to progress change; and

WHEREAS, for months, the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic have made the situation even more difficult for those living with EDS and HSD with delayed or canceled appointments, treatments, genetic testing, and diagnosis, to accessing care and therapies they depend on for quality of life; and

WHEREAS, now more than ever, we need the global EDS and HSD community, health care professionals, businesses, policy-makers, and individuals across the world to help us push forward with research and education to improve care.

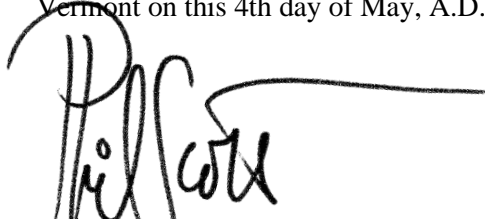
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim May 2021 as

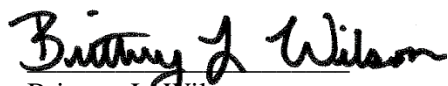
EHLERS-DANLOS SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 4th day of May, A.D. 2021.




Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittny L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs