

# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*



*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 has its own set of symptoms, including 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 as well as other symptoms; and*

*WHEREAS, there is no cure for any type of EDS or HSD and the conditions are managed by addressing a person's symptoms; and*

*WHEREAS, access to professionals who are knowledgeable about EDS and HSD is limited and a lack of awareness about these conditions stands in the way of the diagnosis, management, and research of them;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim May 2024*

### **EHLERS-DANLOS SYNDROMES AND HYPERMOBILITY SPECTRUM DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH**

in Montana to spread awareness of both disorders.

**GREG GIANFORTE**  
Governor