

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** Ehlers-Danlos syndromes represent multiple genetic disorders involving mutations in connective tissue that are characterized by joint hypermobility, skin hyperextensibility and tissue fragility; and
- WHEREAS:** There are fifteen types of Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes that are characterized by distinctive features, with vascular Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome being the most severe; and
- WHEREAS:** It is estimated that the prevalence of all types of the syndrome affect at least one in 5,000 people worldwide; and
- WHEREAS:** A network of Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes support groups can help connect those managing life with the disease, as well as better informing the health care community and the public; and
- WHEREAS:** An early and accurate diagnosis can provide the opportunity to create life-saving medical plans and ensure the quality of life for those affected; and
- WHEREAS:** While there is currently no effective treatment for the Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes and no known cure, further medical research and awareness brings hope for future medical breakthroughs to develop better treatments for patients with the disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 2019 as

EHLERS-DANLOS SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to increase awareness and understanding of Ehlers-Danlos syndromes and support efforts to improve quality of life for those affected.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 13th day of May in the year Two Thousand and Nineteen.


MAYOR