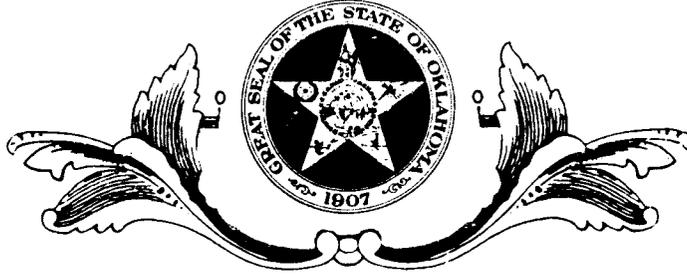


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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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Proclamation

Whereas, Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS) is a group of inherited connective tissue disorders, caused by a defect in the synthesis of collagen; and

Whereas, it is estimated that 1 in 5,000 individuals worldwide are born with one of the six major types of EDS; and

Whereas, the number and severity of symptoms associated with EDS may differ greatly from one individual and family to another, as each type of EDS is a distinct, unique disorder; and

Whereas, all forms of EDS are lifelong, incurable and potentially debilitating, with shortened life spans; some genetic manifestations, such as the vascular type, have proven to be particularly life-threatening, with known mutations that may predict a devastating outcome, with significantly shortened life expectancy; and

Whereas, this connective tissue disorder is commonly misdiagnosed, may go undetected or underdiagnosed, and can go untreated for years; and

Whereas, through public awareness, the state of Oklahoma seeks to raise awareness of EDS in order to properly diagnose and treat individuals affected by this disorder;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2013 as

"Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Awareness Month"

in the State of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 3rd day of May, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and fifth year.

ATTEST

Assistant Secretary of State
Chris Doran

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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