

Office of the Mayor
City of Fayetteville
Proclamation



- WHEREAS:** Ehlers-Danlos syndromes (EDS) are a group of disorders that affect the body's connective tissues including the skin, joints, blood vessels, gut and many other organs and tissues, and
- WHEREAS:** EDS affects more than one in 5000 people and both males and females of every age and race. It is a chronic, life-long condition, and
- WHEREAS:** Hypermobility Spectrum Disorder (HSD) is diagnosed when the musculoskeletal complications of joint hypermobility and joint instability arise in a person who does not have the defining features of an underlying syndrome such as EDS or other heritable disorders of connective tissue, and
- WHEREAS:** In addition, several related disorders are observed in a number of people with EDS and with HSD. These add complexity to the presentation of their condition and its management, and
- WHEREAS:** a network of EDS and HSD support groups can help connect those managing life with these conditions as well as better informing the health care community and the public, and
- WHEREAS:** early and accurate diagnosis can provide the opportunity to create life-saving medical plans and improve quality of life, and
- WHEREAS:** there is currently no treatment for the Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes and no known cure and further medical research and awareness can bring hope for treatment and a cure.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim the month of May 2020 as

**“Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes and Hypermobility
Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month”**

in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on the 1st day of May, 2020.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

