

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 48

Senators Johnson, Chang, Santana and Theis offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to designate May 2025 as Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome
2 (EDS) Awareness Month.

3 Whereas, Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, or EDS, is an inherited
4 condition that affects the connective tissues of the body; and

5 Whereas, Connective tissues provide support in skin, tendons,
6 ligaments, blood vessels, internal organs, and bones; and

7 Whereas, There are 13 types of EDS caused by genetic defects
8 in collagen, one of the major structural components of the body;
9 and

10 Whereas, Symptoms of EDS may include joint hypermobility,
11 loose, unstable joints that dislocate easily, joint pain, skin that
12 bruises easily, digestive problems, dizziness and increased heart
13 rate when standing up, and problems with internal organs, among

1 others; and

2 Whereas, Eighty percent of people with EDS also have postural
3 orthostatic tachycardia syndrome (POTS); and

4 Whereas, POTS occurs when an individual's heart rate increases
5 very quickly after getting up from sitting or lying down causing
6 symptoms such as dizziness or light-headedness, fainting or almost
7 fainting, noticeable heartbeats (heart palpitations), chest pain,
8 shortness of breath, and shaking or sweating; and

9 Whereas, Those suffering from POTS may also have additional
10 medical problems including digestion problems such as feeling or
11 being sick, diarrhea, constipation, bloating and stomach pain,
12 headaches and problems with sight such as blurred vision or tunnel
13 vision, hands and feet looking purple, weakness and extreme
14 tiredness and fatigue, and problems with thinking, memory, and
15 concentration; and

16 Whereas, It is estimated that the prevalence of all types of
17 EDS combined affect at least 1 in 5,000 people worldwide with
18 recent research indicating that EDS is likely under diagnosed; and

19 Whereas, EDS may significantly decrease both quantity and
20 quality of life for those affected; and

21 Whereas, Currently, there is no treatment for EDS and no known
22 cure. Further medical research and awareness can bring hope for
23 those with EDS; and

24 Whereas, Early and accurate diagnosis can help create
25 lifesaving medical plans and improve overall quality of life; and

26 Whereas, A network of EDS support groups can help connect
27 those managing life with the disease as well as better inform the
28 health care community and the public; now, therefore, be it

29 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative

1 body designate May 2025 as Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS) Awareness
2 Month. We honor those bravely suffering from EDS and encourage
3 scientific research and funding to find a cure.