

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

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Whereas, Hypermobility Spectrum Disorder (HSD) is diagnosed when the musculoskeletal complications of joint hypermobility and joint instability (ease of injury, joint pain, and dislocations for example) 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 several 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 hypermobility spectrum disorders, and no known cure; and

Whereas, further medical research and awareness can bring hope for treatment and a cure.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *May 2022* as:

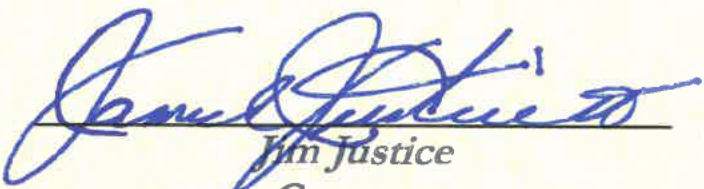
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.


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

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-Eighth day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Ninth year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State