

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Hypermobility Spectrum Disorders (HSD) and Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes (EDS) are connective tissue disorders that can affect joints, skin, blood vessels, and internal organs, often causing chronic pain, joint instability, fatigue, and other life-altering complications; and

WHEREAS, HSD and EDS are frequently underdiagnosed and misdiagnosed due to limited public and clinical awareness, leading many Kansans to experience years of uncertainty, delayed treatment, and preventable worsening of symptoms; and

WHEREAS, early recognition, appropriate medical care, physical therapy, and supportive accommodations can significantly improve quality of life and long-term outcomes for individuals living with HSD and EDS; and

WHEREAS, people with HSD and EDS often face invisible disabilities that impact their education, employment, and daily functioning, making community understanding and institutional support essential to their well-being; and

WHEREAS, HSD and EDS Awareness Month in Kansas promotes education, encourages timely diagnosis, supports affected individuals and families, and demonstrates the state's commitment to improving health equity for those with rare and chronic conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim May 2026, as

Hypermobility Spectrum Disorders and Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes Awareness Month

in the state of Kansas and I urge all citizens to join in this observance.



DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of
the State this 16th day of
April 2026

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly

Scott Church

Secretary of State

Sandy Tompkins

Assistant Secretary of State