

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 141

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes May 2023 as Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes Awareness Month

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize May 2023 as Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes Awareness Month.

3 WHEREAS, Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes (EDS) are a group of disorders that affect the
4 body's connective tissue including the skin, joints, blood vessels, gut, and many other organs
5 and tissues; and

6 WHEREAS, EDS affects more than one in five thousand people of all ages, races,
7 and genders and is a chronic, lifelong condition; and

8 WHEREAS, Hypermobility Spectrum Disorder (HSD) is diagnosed when the
9 musculoskeletal complications of joint hypermobility and joint stability (ease of injury, joint
10 pain, and dislocations) arise in a person who does not have the defining features of another
11 underlying syndrome; and

12 WHEREAS, a network of EDS and HSD support groups help connect those
13 managing life with these conditions as well as better informing the healthcare community
14 and the public; and

15 WHEREAS, early and accurate diagnosis can provide the opportunity to create
16 life-saving medical plans and improved quality of life; and

17 WHEREAS, there is currently no treatment or cure for EDS or HSD; and

18 WHEREAS, further medical research and awareness can bring hope for treatment
19 and a cure.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
2 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize May 2023 as Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome
3 Awareness month.

DIGEST

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