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House Concurrent Resolution 4

Sponsored by Representatives MCINTIRE, LEVY B; Representative RESCHKE, Senator GELSER BLOUIN (Presession filed.)

Whereas Ehlers-Danlos syndromes (EDS) are a group of 13 heritable connective tissue disorders that together affect 1 in 5,000 people; and

Whereas each type of EDS has its own set of symptoms, but some features are seen across all types of EDS, including joint hypermobility, skin hyperextensibility and tissue fragility; and

Whereas hypermobility spectrum disorders (HSD) are connective tissue disorders that cause joint hypermobility, instability, injury and pain; and

Whereas other symptoms of HSD include fatigue, headaches, gastrointestinal problems and autonomic dysfunction; and

Whereas there is no cure for any type of EDS or HSD, and the conditions are managed by addressing a person's symptoms; and

Whereas EDS and HSD can cause a variety of symptoms in many different areas of the body, so people with these conditions often require multiple providers in different specialties to manage their care; and

Whereas access to medical professionals who are knowledgeable about EDS and HSD is limited in Oregon; and

Whereas a lack of awareness about EDS and HSD in the United States and across the world stands in the way of diagnosis, management and research of these conditions; and

Whereas awareness about EDS and HSD by both medical professionals and the general public can help improve the lives of people living with EDS and HSD in Oregon; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly, designate May 2025 as Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes and Hypermobility Spectrum Disorders Awareness Month; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the Ehlers-Danlos Society.

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Adopted by House March 10, 2025

Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

Julie Fahey, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate April 21, 2025

Rob Wagner, President of Senate