



Office of the City Commission

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Ehlers-Danlos syndromes (EDS) are a group of 13 heritable connective tissue disorders that together affect 1 in 5,000 people. Each type of EDS has its own set of symptoms, but some features are seen across all types of EDS, including joint hypermobility, skin hyper extensibility, and tissue fragility; and

WHEREAS, Hypermobility spectrum disorders are connective tissue disorders that cause joint hypermobility, instability, injury, and pain. Other symptoms, such as fatigue, headaches, GI problems, and autonomic dysfunction are also often seen as part of HSD; and

WHEREAS, there is no cure for any type of EDS or HSD. The conditions are managed by addressing a person's symptoms. 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 professionals who are knowledgeable about EDS and HSD is limited and lack of awareness about EDS and HSD across the world stands in the way of the 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James Curran, Mayor of the City of Cooper City, Broward County, Florida, and the City Commission, do hereby proclaim May 2025 as:

Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes and Hypermobility Spectrum Disorders Awareness Month

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the City of Cooper City, Broward County, Florida, to be affixed on this 13th day of May 2025.

JAMES CURRAN
Mayor, City of Cooper City