

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS) is a group of inherited disorders of the connective tissues that primarily affect the skin, joints, ligaments and blood vessel walls; and

**WHEREAS,** people with Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome experience symptoms including stretchy or fragile skin, flexible joints that extend beyond the normal range of motion, muscle weakness, heart problems, abnormal wound healing, and a family history of ruptured organs; and

**WHEREAS,** EDS is a serious and life threatening condition that has no treatment or cure; and

**WHEREAS,** thousands of residents of the Palmetto State, including patients, friends, family, caregivers, medical professionals, social workers, and researchers seeking to develop safe, effective treatments, are impacted by Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2012 as

### EHLERS-DANLOS SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome and the need for research to help ensure accurate diagnoses and appropriate treatment for those it affects.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

**NIKKI R. HALEY**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**