

Alachua County Florida

A Proclamation

Declaring May 15th as “Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Awareness Day” in Alachua County, Florida

- Whereas,* Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome is an invisible illness that affects the connective tissues throughout the body. This causes extreme pain, exhaustion, bruising, and difficulty maintaining a normal lifestyle; and
- Whereas,* there currently is no cure for Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, nor many of the invisible illnesses that Floridians are facing. This means we need greater awareness and more advocacy to bring this topic to the forefront; and
- Whereas,* with this proclamation, “Not Invisible: Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome,” we will have a county-wide day of celebration that will serve as a beacon of hope for current and future patients; and
- Whereas,* on this day, we, as a service-focused mission, will travel to classrooms and community centers across Alachua County to speak on Invisible Illnesses and change mindsets; and
- Whereas,* this celebrated day will open the door for “Not Invisible: Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome” to partner with additional service groups across Alachua County and ultimately expand our reach and pinpoint unmet audiences; and
- Whereas,* in recognition of the 1 in 5000 Floridians facing Ehlers-Danlos every day, we honor each of them on May 15th so that one day we will find a cure, but until then, we will become educated and fight for better understanding and awareness.

Now, therefore, through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of the Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim May 15th, 2024, as “Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Awareness Day” in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 11th day of June, A.D., 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY FLORIDA

By: _____
Mary C. Alford, Chair

ATTEST:

J.K. “Jess” Irby, Esq.