## 1 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION 2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA 3 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019) HOUSE 4 RESOLUTION 1018 By: Hill 5 6 7 8 AS INTRODUCED 9 A Resolution proclaiming May 2019 to be Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Awareness Month; and directing distribution. 10 11 12 WHEREAS, the Ehlers-Danlos syndromes represent multiple genetic 1.3 disorders involving mutations in connective tissue that are 14 characterized by looseness, instability and dislocation of the 15 joints and fragile skin that easily bruises and scars; and 16 WHEREAS, there are thirteen subtypes of the Ehlers-Danlos 17 syndromes that are characterized by distinctive features, with 18 vascular Ehlers-Danlos syndrome being the most severe; and 19 WHEREAS, it is estimated that the prevalence of all types of the 20 syndrome affect up to 1 in 5,000 people worldwide; and 2.1 WHEREAS, a network of Ehlers-Danlos syndromes support groups can 22 help connect those managing life with the disease as well as better 23 inform the health care community and the public; and 24

| 1  | WHEREAS, early and accurate diagnosis can provide the                |
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| 2  | opportunity to create lifesaving medical plans and ensure quality of |
| 3  | life; and  |
| 4  | WHEREAS, there is currently no treatment for the Ehlers-Danlos       |
| 5  | syndromes and no known cure; and                                     |
| 6  | WHEREAS, further medical research and awareness can bring hope       |
| 7  | for treatment and a cure.  |
| 8  | NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES       |
| 9  | OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:                 |
| 10 | THAT May 2019 is hereby declared as Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome           |
| 11 | Awareness Month.   |
| 12 | THAT a copy of this resolution be presented to Steven Parrish,       |
| 13 | Christopher Laprairie and Cole Laprairie in remembrance of Terra     |
| 14 | Parrish.   |
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