



**Proclamation**  
*May of 2025 is proclaimed as*  
**Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), known by many as Lou Gehrig’s disease, is a progressive fatal neurodegenerative disease in which a person’s brain loses connection with the muscles, slowly taking away their ability to walk, talk, eat, and eventually breathe; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of new amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) cases are reported every year, and estimates show that every 90 minutes, someone is diagnosed with ALS and someone passes away from ALS; and

**WHEREAS**, on average, patients diagnosed with ALS only survive two to five years from the time of diagnosis; and

**WHEREAS**, the exact causes of ALS are unknown and there is no known cure for ALS; and

**WHEREAS**, people who have served in the military are more likely to develop ALS and die from the disease than those with no history of military service; and

**WHEREAS**, securing access to new therapies, durable medical equipment, and communication technologies is of vital importance to people living with ALS; and

**WHEREAS**, clinical trials play a pivotal role in evaluating new treatments, enhancing quality of life, and fostering assistive technologies for those living with ALS; and

**WHEREAS**, the ALS Association, as the largest philanthropic funder of ALS research globally, has committed over \$160 million to support more than 580 projects across the United States and 19 other countries; and

**WHEREAS**, our commitment to accelerating the pace of discovery remains unwavering, fueled by the hope that one day, ALS will be a livable disease for everyone, everywhere, until we can cure it.

**WHEREAS**, ALS Awareness Month increases the public's awareness of people with ALS’ dire circumstances, and acknowledges the terrible impact this disease has, not only on the person but on his or her family and the community, and recognizes the research being done to eradicate this disease;

Now, therefore, I, Ryan Heineman, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2025 as ALS Awareness Month. I call upon all Americans to join in supporting ALS research, advocating for increased funding, and standing in solidarity with those affected by this relentless disease.

  
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Mayor