

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, ALS is known by many as Loug Gherigs disease, it's a progressive, fatal neurodegenerative disease that attacks nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord making even the simplest movements - walking, speaking and gesturing nearly impossible; Muscles get weaker as more nerve cells die and progressively gets worse over time.

WHEREAS, approximately 30,000 people in the United States are afflicted with ALS at any give time, ALS in the U.S. is expected to steadily climb — by more than 10% — over this decade, increasing from an estimated 32,800 cases in 2022 to about 36,300 in 2030

WHEREAS, ALS can sometimes be difficult to diagnose or to predict how quickly the disease is likely to progress. People diagnosed with ALS have an average life expectancy of 2 to 5 years with a person losing their battle with this disease every 90 minutes; and

WHEREAS, ALS strikes people not matter their race, sex, age or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, finding the cause of, and cure for ALS will prevent the disease from robbing hundreds of thousands of Americans of their dignity and lives; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no know cause, treatment or cure for disease; and

WHEREAS, raising public awareness of this disease will facilitate the discovery for a cure, and will bring much needed dollars for support and services for families in Texas dealing with ALS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Williamson County Commissioners Court recognize May 2025 as ALS Awareness Month.

Passed by Commissioners Court and Signed on this date: May 20, 2025



Steve Snell, County Judge

On behalf of the Williamson County Commissioners Court Members