

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 229

BY REPRESENTATIVE EGAN

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates the month of May as ALS Awareness Month in Louisiana

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate the month of May as ALS Awareness Month in Louisiana.

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

7 WHEREAS, every 90 minutes someone is diagnosed with ALS and someone passes
8 away from ALS; on average, patients diagnosed with ALS survive only two to five years
9 from the time of diagnosis; ALS has no cure; and

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

12 WHEREAS, securing access to new therapies, durable medical equipment, and
13 communication technologies is of vital importance to people living with ALS; clinical trials
14 play a pivotal role in evaluating new treatments, enhancing quality of life, and fostering
15 assistive technologies for those living with ALS; and

16 WHEREAS, Americans celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Ice Bucket Challenge
17 through a renewed commitment to galvanizing public awareness and supporting significant
18 investments in ALS research; and

19 WHEREAS, the ALS Association, as the largest philanthropic funder of ALS
20 research globally, has committed over \$154 million to support more than 550 projects across
21 the United States and 18 other countries; and

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

5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
6 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate the month of May as ALS Awareness Month
7 in Louisiana and does hereby encourage all Louisianians to join in supporting ALS research,
8 advocating for increased funding, and standing in solidarity with those affected by this
9 relentless disease.

DIGEST

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