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## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 116

## BY SENATORS ALLAIN, COUSSAN AND STINE

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, the summer of 2024 will be the 10th anniversary of the ALS Ice Bucket
17	Challenge that became a global phenomenon; this anniversary can be celebrated through a
18	renewed commitment to galvanize public awareness and support funding leading to

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1	significant investments in ALS research; and
2	WHEREAS, the ALS Association, as the largest philanthropic funder of ALS
3	research globally, has committed over \$154 million to support more than 550 projects across
4	the United States and 18 other countries; and
5	WHEREAS, the ALS Association remains committed to accelerating the pace of
6	discovery, fueled by the hope that one day, ALS will be a livable disease for everyone,
7	everywhere, until a cure is found; and
8	WHEREAS, ALS Awareness Month increases the public's awareness of people with
9	ALS's dire circumstances and acknowledges the terrible impact this disease has, not only on
10	the person but on his or her family and the community, and recognizes the research being
11	done to eradicate this debilitating disease.
12	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
13	does hereby designate the month of May as ALS Awareness Month in Louisiana and does
14	hereby encourage all Louisianians to join in supporting ALS research, advocating for
15	increased funding, and standing in solidarity with those affected by this relentless disease.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Dawn Romero Watson.

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