

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 100

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To recognize May 2026, as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a degenerative, fatal neurodegenerative disease in which a person's brain loses connection with their muscles, slowly stripping them of the ability to walk, talk, eat, and eventually breathe; and

WHEREAS, thousands of new ALS cases are reported every year, with estimates showing that every ninety minutes someone is diagnosed with and someone passes away from ALS; and

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

WHEREAS, experts believe that ALS may be caused by a combination of genetics, environmental, and lifestyle factors; and

WHEREAS, people who have served in the military are more likely to develop and die from ALS 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 suffering from ALS; and

WHEREAS, clinical trials play a pivotal role in the development of new treatments, enhancement in the quality of life for people enduring the effects of ALS, and the fostering of new, efficient assistive technologies for them; and

WHEREAS, the ALS Association is the largest philanthropic funder of ALS research globally and has committed over one hundred fifty-four million dollars towards the support of more than five hundred fifty projects across the United States and eighteen other countries; and

WHEREAS, the ALS Association provides information, support, and tools to those in need of help and searches for ways to make ALS curable for everyone, everywhere; and

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month provides an opportunity to increase public awareness of the dire circumstances of people living with ALS, to acknowledge the terrible impact this disease has on individuals and their families, and to send a message that conveys our commitment towards research to eradicate this disease.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize May 2026, as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the ALS Association.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE