

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing May 2025 as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis
2 Awareness Month.

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 ability to walk, talk, eat, and
6 breathe; and

7 WHEREAS, every 90 minutes someone is diagnosed with ALS and someone passes
8 away from ALS; and

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

11 WHEREAS, ALS has no cure; and

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

14 WHEREAS, securing access to new therapies, durable equipment, and
15 communication technologies are of vital importance to people living with ALS; and

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

19 WHEREAS, the 11th anniversary of the Ice Bucket Challenge will be celebrated
20 this summer with a renewed commitment to galvanize public awareness and support
21 funding leading to significant investments in ALS research; and

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

25 WHEREAS, the ALS Association's commitment to accelerating the pace of
26 discovery remains unwavering, fueled by the hope that one day, ALS will be a livable
27 disease for everyone, everywhere, until a cure can be found; and

1 WHEREAS, ALS Awareness Month increases the public's awareness of people
2 with ALS' dire circumstances and acknowledges the research being done to eradicate this
3 disease;

4 NOW, THEREFORE,

5 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
6 *Kentucky:*

7 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby recognize May 2025 as
8 Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month.

9 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
10 Resolution to Senator Stephen West.