

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing May 2026 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, thousands of new ALS cases are reported every year, and estimates
8 show that every 90 minutes someone is diagnosed with ALS and someone passes away
9 from ALS; and

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

12 WHEREAS, the exact causes of ALS are unknown and there is no known cure; and

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

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, the ALS Association is committed to accelerating the pace of
24 discovery fueled by the hope that one day ALS will be a livable disease for everyone,
25 everywhere, until a cure can be found; and

26 WHEREAS, ALS Awareness Month provides an opportunity to increase public
27 awareness of the dire circumstances of people with ALS, acknowledge the terrible impact

1 this disease has on those individuals and their families, and support research to eradicate
2 this disease;

3 NOW, THEREFORE,

4 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
5 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

6 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby recognize May
7 2026 as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month.

8 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
9 copy of this Resolution to Representative Jason Nemes.