

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing May 2026 as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis
2 Awareness Month in Kentucky.

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

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

15 WHEREAS, securing access to new therapies, durable equipment, and
16 communication technologies are 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's commitment to accelerating the pace of
24 discovery remains unwavering, fueled by the hope that one day, ALS will be a livable
25 disease for everyone, everywhere; and

26 WHEREAS, ALS Awareness Month increases the public's awareness of people
27 with ALS' dire circumstances and acknowledges the research being done to eradicate this

1 disease;

2 NOW, THEREFORE,

3 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
4 *Kentucky:*

5 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby recognize May 2026 as
6 Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month.

7 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
8 Resolution to Senator Steve Rawlings.