

RESOLUTION TO DECLARE MAY 2024 AS AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL
SCLEROSIS (ALS) MONTH

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) known by many as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive fatal neurodegenerative disease that attacks nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord;

WHEREAS, when the brain loses connection with the muscles, it slowly takes away an individual's ability to walk, talk, eat, and eventually breathe;

WHEREAS, ALS not only impacts the individuals diagnosed with the disease, but also their families, caregivers, and communities;

WHEREAS, approximately 30,000 individuals in the United States are afflicted with ALS; an estimated 5,000 new cases each year; and with a person losing their battle from the disease every 90 minutes;

WHEREAS, ALS shows no favoritism, and will strike people regardless of race, sex, age, or ethnicity;

WHEREAS, a continued fight to find the causes of, and cure for, ALS will prevent the disease from robbing hundreds of Americans of their dignity and lives;

WHEREAS, aggressive treatments of ALS symptoms could extend the lives of those living with the disease;

WHEREAS, raising public awareness of this disease will facilitate the discovery of a cure, bring much needed dollars for support and services for families dealing with ALS;

WHEREAS, organizations, healthcare professionals, advocates, and individuals across the nation come together during ALS Awareness Month to promote awareness support, and research initiatives aimed at finding a cure for ALS and improving quality of life for those affected by the disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the Greensboro City Council declares the month of May as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Month; encourage the City of Greensboro residents to participate in activities and events aimed at raising awareness of ALS; and to support people impacted by the disease and their loved ones.