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HR _____ RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY 2026 AS ALS AWARENESS
MONTH IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), better known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a fatal disease characterized by the progressive degeneration of motor neurons in the brain and spinal cord, leading to a loss of voluntary muscle control; and

WHEREAS, ALS eventually causes muscular atrophy such that the patient becomes a functional quadriplegic, requiring total and constant care; and

WHEREAS, thousands of new ALS cases are reported every year, and estimates show that every 90 minutes, someone is diagnosed with ALS 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, ALS has no known cause, means of prevention, or cure; and

WHEREAS, military veterans are at a greatly increased risk of developing ALS compared to those who have never served in the military; and

WHEREAS, the advanced stages of ALS can be financially crippling, depleting the resources of patients



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29 and families; and

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

33 WHEREAS, clinical trials play a pivotal role in
34 evaluating new treatments, enhancing quality of life, and
35 fostering assistive technologies for those living with ALS;
36 and

37 WHEREAS, the ALS Association is the largest
38 philanthropic funder of ALS research globally and has
39 committed more than \$154 million to support more than 550
40 projects across the United States and 18 other countries;
41 and

42 WHEREAS, the ALS Association is committed to making
43 ALS livable and curing it for everyone, everywhere; and

44 WHEREAS, ALS Awareness Month provides an opportunity
45 to increase public awareness of the dire circumstances of
46 people living with ALS, acknowledge the severe impact this
47 disease has on those individuals and their families, and
48 pledge to support research to eradicate this disease; now
49 therefore,

50 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
51 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we declare the month of May
52 2026 as ALS Awareness Month in the State of Alabama and
53 commend its observance to all residents.