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PROCLAMATION ALS Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive and fatal neuromuscular disorder, characterized by the degeneration of motor nerve cells, leading to paralysis and death within a span of approximately five years from diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, despite the debilitating effects of ALS on voluntary muscle control, the cognitive functions of individuals with the disease often remain intact, necessitating comprehensive care and support from caregivers, frequently family members, to assist with daily activities as the disease progresses, often requiring round-the-clock-care; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative for our community to be knowledgeable about ALS and the challenges faced by those impacted by it, in order to effectively combat the disease; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness and advocacy are essential to garnering the attention and support of elected officials, medical researchers, and healthcare professionals towards addressing the needs of individuals living with ALS.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Shawn Reilly, Mayor of the City of Waukesha, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May as ALS Awareness Month in our city, and urge all citizens to join the efforts to raise awareness about ALS, support those affected by the disease, and advocate for enhanced research, treatment and support services.

Signed this 21st day of May, 2024.

Shawn Reilly, Mayor
City of Waukesha