

RESOLUTION 26-

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, wish to recognize the month of May 2026 as ALS Awareness Month, acknowledging the thousands of Americans who are affected by the fatal disease and advocating for increased awareness, research, and funding; and

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive, fatal neurodegenerative disease in which an individual's brain loses connection with their muscles, slowly reducing a person's ability to walk, talk, eat, and eventually breathe; and

WHEREAS, thousands of ALS cases are reported each year, and studies have pointed to an individual being diagnosed with ALS every 90 minutes, in addition to fatality associated with ALS occurring every 90 minutes; and

WHEREAS, on average, patients diagnosed with ALS survive only two to five years from the time of diagnosis; however, the exact cause of ALS is unknown, and there is no known cure for ALS; and

WHEREAS, though there is no known cause, it has been clinically proven that individuals who have served in the military are more likely to develop ALS and succumb to the disease than those with no history of military service; and

WHEREAS, due to the uncertain causes and undeveloped cure, securing access to new therapies, durable medical equipment, and communication technologies is of vital importance to people living with ALS; additionally, clinical trials play a pivotal role in evaluating new treatments, enhancing quality of life, and fostering assistive technologies for those living with ALS; and

WHEREAS, supporting such efforts, the ALS Association is the largest philanthropic funder of ALS research globally and has committed more than \$154 million to support more than 550 projects across the United States and 18 other countries, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to make ALS livable and curable for everyone, everywhere; and

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month provides an opportunity to increase public awareness of the dire circumstances of people living with ALS, acknowledge the negative impact the disease has on affected individuals and their families, and support research to eradicate this disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, do hereby recognize the month of May 2026 as ALS Awareness Month. May this resolution serve as a call to action to all Americans to join in supporting ALS research,

advocating for increased funding, and standing in solidarity with those affected by this relentless disease.

ADPOTED and **PRESENTED** on this the **14th** day of **May, 2026**

President of the City Council of
the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the ___ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama