

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 362

Reps. Cynthia Johnson and Sneller offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare November 10, 2022, as Amyotrophic  
2 Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

3       Whereas, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, often known as Lou  
4 Gehrig's Disease, is a neurodegenerative disease that affects  
5 muscle control in the body; and

6       Whereas, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis is caused by motor  
7 neuron degeneration in the brain and spinal cord; and

8       Whereas, The symptoms of this rapidly advancing disease can  
9 include difficulty with and the possibility of the inability to  
10 walk, speak, eat, and even breathe; and

11       Whereas, It is estimated that at any given time as many as  
12 31,000 people are living with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis in the

1 United States; and

2       Whereas, 800-1000 Michiganders live with amyotrophic lateral  
3 sclerosis and 200 are newly diagnosed on an annual basis; and

4       Whereas, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis is very difficult to  
5 diagnose as there is no test or procedure to confirm diagnosis; and

6       Whereas, Life expectancy of those with amyotrophic lateral  
7 sclerosis averages between two and five years from the date of the  
8 diagnosis; and

9       Whereas, There is currently no cure for amyotrophic lateral  
10 sclerosis and we must continue to support medical efforts to give  
11 hope to patients and fight this disease; now, therefore, be it

12       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
13 this legislative body declare November 10, 2022 as Amyotrophic  
14 Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.  
15 We urge increased public awareness of this progressive  
16 neurodegenerative disease that affects muscle control in the body.