

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.362

Rep. Cynthia Johnson 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
13 United States; and

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

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

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

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

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