SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 52

Senators Victory, Bayer, Cavanagh, Geiss, Polehanki and Santana offered the following resolution:

- 1 A resolution to designate May 2025 as Amyotrophic Lateral
- 2 Sclerosis (ALS) Month.
- 3 Whereas, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), known by many as
- 4 Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive, fatal neurodegenerative
- 5 disease that attacks nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord; and
- 6 Whereas, ALS makes even the simplest movements including
- 7 walking, speaking, and gesturing nearly impossible; and
- 8 Whereas, Approximately 30,000 individuals in the United States
- 9 are afflicted with ALS at any given time, with 5,000 new cases
- 10 appearing annually; and
- 11 Whereas, Approximately 15 new cases of ALS are diagnosed every
- 12 day, with a person losing their battle with the disease every 90
- 13 minutes; and

- 1 Whereas, ALS strikes people regardless of race, sex, age, or 2 ethnicity; and
- 3 Whereas, Finding the causes and cure for ALS will prevent the
- 4 disease from robbing hundreds of thousands of Americans of their
- 5 dignity and lives; and
- 6 Whereas, Aggressive treatments of the symptoms of ALS can
- 7 extend the lives of those living with the disease; and
- 8 Whereas, Raising public awareness of this disease will
- 9 facilitate the discovery of a cure and bring much needed funding
- 10 for support and services to families in Michigan affected by ALS;
- 11 now, therefore, be it
- 12 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
- 13 body designate May 2025 as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)
- 14 Month.