MICHIGAN SENATE

Senate Resolution No. 52

Offered by Senators Victory, Bayer, Cavanagh, Geiss, Polehanki and Santana

A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE MAY 2025 AS AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS) MONTH

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), known by many as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive, fatal neurodegenerative disease that attacks nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord; and

WHEREAS, ALS makes even the simplest movements including walking, speaking, and gesturing nearly impossible; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 30,000 individuals in the United States are afflicted with ALS at any given time, with 5,000 new cases appearing annually; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 15 new cases of ALS are diagnosed every day, with a person losing their battle with the disease every 90 minutes; and

WHEREAS, ALS strikes people regardless of race, sex, age, or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, Finding the causes and cure for ALS will prevent the disease from robbing hundreds of thousands of Americans of their dignity and lives; and

WHEREAS, Aggressive treatments of the symptoms of ALS can extend the lives of those living with the disease; and

WHEREAS, Raising public awareness of this disease will facilitate the discovery of a cure and bring much needed funding for support and services to families in Michigan affected by ALS; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the members of this legislative body designate May 2025 as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Month.

Adopted by the Senate, May 21, 2025.

Secretary of the Senate