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File No. 26-372

7 **A RESOLUTION**
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9 Recognizing May 2026 as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month
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12 WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, also known as ALS or Lou
13 Gehrig's disease, is a progressive and fatal neurodegenerative disease that
14 damages nerve cells and causes individuals to lose the ability to walk, talk, eat,
15 and breathe; and
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17 WHEREAS, thousands of new ALS cases are reported each year, and
18 estimates show that every 90 minutes, someone is diagnosed with ALS and
19 someone dies from the disease; and
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21 WHEREAS, on average, individuals diagnosed with ALS survive only two to five
22 years from the time of diagnosis; and
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24 WHEREAS, the causes of ALS are not fully understood and there is no known
25 cure; and
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27 WHEREAS, studies have found military veterans are at greater risk of developing
28 ALS and dying from the disease than those with no history of military service; and
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30 WHEREAS, securing access to new therapies, durable medical equipment, and
31 communication technologies is of vital importance to people living with ALS; and
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33 WHEREAS, continued research and clinical trials are important to improving
34 treatment, enhancing quality of life, and developing assistive technologies for those
35 living with ALS; and
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37 WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month provides an
38 opportunity to increase public understanding of ALS, recognize the impact of the
39 disease on individuals and families, and support education, advocacy, and research to
40 eliminate the disease; and
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42 WHEREAS, the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic
43 Planning, at its meeting of May 14, 2026, recommended adoption of File No. 26-372
44 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,
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46 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
47 recognizes May 2026 as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month; and
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49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of
50 Supervisors encourages residents to learn more about ALS and to support efforts
51 that improve awareness, advocacy, research, and access to care for people
52 living with the disease.

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