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Representative Miller, M.

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing ALS Awareness Month, May 2026. 1

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 136th 2
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize Amyotrophic Lateral 3
Sclerosis Awareness Month, May 2026; and 4

WHEREAS, Formerly known as Lou Gehrig’s Disease, amyotrophic 5
lateral sclerosis is a neurological disorder that affects motor 6
neurons, the nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord that control 7
voluntary muscle movement and breathing, and as these neurons 8
degenerate and die, they stop sending messages to the muscles, which 9
then weaken, twitch, and atrophy. People with ALS gradually lose their 10
ability to initiate and control voluntary movements such as walking, 11
talking, and chewing, as well as breathing, and they eventually need 12
continuous care until they die from respiratory failure, usually 13
within five years of the onset of symptoms; and 14

WHEREAS, The causes of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis are unknown, 15
and there is presently no cure, although some treatments may slow its 16
progression. Research is critical to helping scientists and persons 17
living with ALS better understand the disease, and the National ALS 18
Registry works with patients, caregivers, researchers, healthcare 19
providers, neurologists, and supporters to collect and compile 20
information that may shed light on better treatments and eventually 21
lead to a cure; and 22

WHEREAS, May has been designated as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis 23
Awareness Month to call attention to this disease and those affected 24
by it. Public understanding, support, and encouragement can go a long 25
way in improving the quality of life for victims, families, and 26
caregivers and bring hope for the future; therefore be it 27

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 28
the 136th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 29
recognize Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month, May 2026; and 30
be it further 31

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 32
duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news media of 33
Ohio. 34