

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

RESOLUTION 2026 –

WHEREAS, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive fatal neurodegenerative disease in which a person's brain loses connection with their muscles, slowly reducing a person's ability to walk, talk, eat, and eventually breathe; and

WHEREAS, thousands of new **AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS)** cases are reported every year, and estimates show that every 90 minutes, someone is diagnosed with **AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS)**, and someone passes away from **AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS)**; and

WHEREAS, on average, patients diagnosed with **AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS)** survive only two to five years from the time of diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, the exact causes of **AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS)** are unknown and there is no known cure for ALS; and

WHEREAS, people who have served in the military are more likely to develop **AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS)** and die from the disease than those with no history of military service; and

WHEREAS, securing access to new therapies, durable medical equipment, and communication technologies is of vital importance to people living with **AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS)**; and

WHEREAS, clinical trials play a pivotal role in evaluating new treatments, enhancing quality of life, and fostering assistive technologies for those living with **AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS)**; and

WHEREAS, the **AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS)** Association is the largest philanthropic funder of **AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS)** research globally and has committed more than \$154 million to support more than 550 projects across the United States and 18 other countries; and

WHEREAS, the **AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS)** Association is committed to make **AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS)** livable and cure it for everyone, everywhere; and

WHEREAS, **AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS) AWARENESS MONTH** provides an opportunity to increase the dire circumstances of people living with **AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS)**, acknowledge the terrible impact this disease has on those individuals and their families, and support research to eradicate this disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HERNANDO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaim May 2026 as **AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS) AWARENESS MONTH** in Hernando County.

SECTION 2. The Board of County Commissioners encourages all citizens to join in supporting **AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS)** research, advocate for increased funding, and stand in solidarity with those affected by this relentless disease.

ADOPTED in Regular Session this 12th day of May 2026, A.D.

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