

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

House Concurrent Resolution No. 36

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BUSICK.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

Relating to ALS awareness month.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

2 **WHEREAS**, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS, is a progressive neurodegenerative
3 disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord, ultimately leading to loss of muscular
4 control, paralysis, and death; and

5 **WHEREAS**, ALS has no cure and lacks adequate treatment options; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, it is estimated that 15 people are diagnosed with ALS and an additional 15
8 people die from the disease every day; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, ALS has no racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic boundaries and 90% of those
11 diagnosed have no family history of the disease; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, military veterans are twice as likely as the general population to be affected
14 by ALS; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, research is needed to investigate risk factors and other causes attributed to
17 the disease; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, the average out-of-pocket cost of caring for a person with ALS is \$250,000,
20 which does not include the cost to government support programs, including Medicare, Medicaid,
21 Social Security Disability, and Supplemental Security Income, and income lost by family
22 caregivers;

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24 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
25 Representatives of the One Hundredth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
26 concurring therein, hereby designate the month of May each year as "ALS Awareness Month"
27 in the state of Missouri and encourage the citizens of this state to recognize the month with
28 appropriate events and activities to raise awareness about ALS; and

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30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be sent to the Governor for his
31 approval or rejection pursuant to the Missouri Constitution.

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