

SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5380**  
**103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

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

6       **WHEREAS**, thousands of new amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) cases are reported  
7 every year, and estimates show that every 90 minutes, someone is diagnosed with ALS and  
8 someone passes away from ALS; and

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10       **WHEREAS**, on average, patients diagnosed with ALS survive only two to five years  
11 from the time of diagnosis; and

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13       **WHEREAS**, the exact causes of ALS are unknown and there is no known cure for  
14 ALS; and

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

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19       **WHEREAS**, securing access to new therapies, durable medical equipment, and  
20 communication technologies is of vital importance to people living with ALS; and

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22       **WHEREAS**, clinical trials play a pivotal role in evaluating new treatments,  
23 enhancing quality of life, and fostering assistive technologies for those living with ALS; and

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

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29           **WHEREAS**, the ALS Association is committed to make ALS livable and cure it for  
30 everyone, everywhere; and

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32           **WHEREAS**, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month provides an  
33 opportunity to increase public awareness of the dire circumstances of people living with  
34 ALS, acknowledge the terrible impact this disease has on those individuals and their families,  
35 and support research to eradicate this disease;

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37           **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the members of the Missouri  
38 House of Representatives, One Hundred Third General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
39 hereby proclaim the month of May 2026 as ALS Awareness Month and call upon all  
40 Americans to join in supporting ALS research, advocating for increased funding, greater  
41 access to assistive technology including augmentative and alternative communication  
42 options, and standing in solidarity with those affected by this relentless disease.

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