

Santa Barbara County of

RESOLUTION NO. 26-114

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY AS NATIONAL AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS) AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease, is a progressive and fatal neurodegenerative disease that causes the brain to lose connection with the muscles, gradually impairing a person’s ability to walk, speak, eat, and eventually breathe; and

WHEREAS, thousands of new cases of ALS are diagnosed each year, and it is estimated that every 90 minutes someone in the United States is diagnosed with ALS and another person loses their life to the disease, with most patients surviving only two to five years after diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, the exact causes of ALS remain unknown, there is currently no cure, and individuals who have served in the military face a greater likelihood of developing and dying from the disease than those with no history of military service; and

WHEREAS, access to emerging therapies, durable medical equipment, communication technologies, and clinical trials is essential to improving quality of life for individuals living with ALS and advancing research toward effective treatments and, ultimately, a cure; and

WHEREAS, The ALS Association and other advocacy organizations continue to raise awareness, support individuals and families affected by ALS, and advance research, committing more than \$154 million to support over 550 projects across the United States and 18 other countries in an effort to make living with ALS more manageable and ultimately eradicate this devastating disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara does hereby proclaim the month of May 2026 as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month in Santa Barbara County and encourage all residents to increase awareness of ALS, support those affected by the disease, and promote continued research, advocacy, and access to care for individuals and families living with ALS.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 5th day of May, 2026 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



Maria Rodriguez
 ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

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