

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia Office of the Chief Clerk Room 402, City Hall Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 250512)

RESOLUTION

Recognizing May 2025 as ALS Awareness Month in the City of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (“ALS”), known to many as Lou Gehrig’s disease, is a progressive, fatal, neurodegenerative disease in which a person’s brain loses connection with the muscles, slowly taking away their ability to walk, talk, eat, and eventually, breathe; and

WHEREAS, Every 90 minutes, a person in the United States is diagnosed with ALS and another person passes away from it; and

WHEREAS, On average, patients diagnosed with ALS only survive another two to five years from the point of their diagnoses; and

WHEREAS, ALS has no cure; and

WHEREAS, For reasons that remain unknown, military veterans develop ALS at a higher rate than those who have not served, with some studies finding that the relative risk of dying from ALS for veterans was approximately two times that seen among non-veterans; and

WHEREAS, ALS United Mid-Atlantic has supported ALS patients and families in the Philadelphia area since its founding in 1977 with services that include multidisciplinary treatment centers, in-home care, durable medical equipment, assistive technology, and support groups; and

WHEREAS, There have been promising new treatments approved for ALS in recent years and further clinical trials are critical to advancing ALS research; and

WHEREAS, Philadelphia is home to some of the top nationally recognized ALS research; and

WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Phillies have championed the fight to Strike Out ALS since 1984; and

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WHEREAS, ALS Awareness Month increases the public's awareness of the realities of ALS, the need to invest in research, and ways to improve quality of life for people with ALS and their families through compassionate care services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby recognizes May 2025 as ALS Awareness Month in the City of Philadelphia.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the eighth day of May, 2025.

Kenyatta Johnson
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Ahmad

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Ahmad, Phillips, Gilmore Richardson,
Lozada, Young, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke and Driscoll