

WHEREAS; amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, commonly known as ALS or “Lou Gehrig’s Disease,” is a fatal neurodegenerative disease characterized by cell degeneration in the brain and spinal cord; and

WHEREAS; initial symptoms of ALS typically include muscle weakness in the extremities and, as the disease progresses, symptoms evolve to include difficulty swallowing, talking, and breathing, followed by muscle atrophy; and

WHEREAS; the cause of ALS remains largely unknown and, currently, there are no definitive means of preventing or curing the disease, and individuals diagnosed with ALS often only survive two to five years from the time of diagnosis; and

WHEREAS; while ALS can affect anyone, it most commonly develops in folks between the ages of 40 and 70, and research indicates that military veterans are at a greater risk; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins individuals affected by ALS and advocates in spreading awareness and embracing hope that advancements in science and medicine will soon lead to a deeper understanding of the disease, new treatments to enhance quality of life, and a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim May 2022 as

## **ALS AWARENESS MONTH**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State