



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

ALS AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), often known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, is a rapidly progressive disorder of motor neuron, causing the death of nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord that control the action of voluntary muscles. It does not affect the person's ability to see, smell, taste, hear, or recognize touch; and
- WHEREAS:** As many as 20,000 people in the United States have ALS, and an estimated 5,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with the disease each year. Approximately 600 persons living in Georgia are currently diagnosed with ALS; and
- WHEREAS:** Every 90 minutes someone is diagnosed with ALS, and someone passes away from ALS; and
- WHEREAS:** Military veterans are twice as likely to develop ALS as those that haven't served in the military; and
- WHEREAS:** In the advanced stages, ALS can be financially crippled, costing up to \$300,000 per year, depleting the financial resources of patients and their families; and
- WHEREAS:** The suffering of patients, and the anguish of their caregivers must be supported and alleviated; and
- WHEREAS:** ALS United of Georgia's mission is to enhance the quality of life for those living with ALS by fostering a compassionate and empowering community, advancing research, and delivering vital services that address the unique needs of individuals facing this devastating disease; and
- WHEREAS:** ALS Awareness Month provides an opportunity to recognize the critical research underway to eradicate this disease and to increase public awareness about the devastating impact it has on individuals, families and friends; and
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2026, as ALS AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 16th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

CHIEF OF STAFF