



2025 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 80

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1 **Relating to:** declaring May 2025 and May 2026 as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis
2 Awareness Months.

3 Whereas, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's
4 disease, is a progressive and fatal neurodegenerative disease in which a person's
5 brain loses connection with their muscles, slowly reducing their ability to walk,
6 talk, eat, and eventually breathe; and

7 Whereas, thousands of new ALS cases are reported every year; and

8 Whereas, every 90 minutes, someone is diagnosed with ALS and someone
9 passes away from ALS; and

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

12 Whereas, ALS can affect anyone but is more likely to develop in men, people
13 between the ages of 55 and 75, and people who have served in the military; and

Whereas, the exact causes of ALS remain unknown, and there is no known means to prevent or cure the disease; and

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

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

Whereas, philanthropic organizations provide funds that allow for global research of ALS and support specific research projects across the United States and other countries; and

Whereas, philanthropic organizations are committed to accelerating the pace of discovery, fueled by the hope that one day ALS will be a livable disease for everyone, everywhere, until a cure can be found; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin Legislature hereby declares May 2025 and May 2026 as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Months, recognizes these months as an opportunity to increase public awareness of the dire circumstances of people living with ALS, acknowledges the terrible impact this disease has on those individuals and their families, and supports research to eradicate this disease.

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