

PROCLAMATION



Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), often referred to as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive fatal neurodegenerative disease that attacks nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord, leading to the loss of muscle control and ultimately, the ability to speak, move and breathe; and

WHEREAS, over 5,000 people are diagnosed with ALS every year, with a new diagnosis every 90 minutes; and

WHEREAS, ALS can strike anyone, regardless of age, gender, social status, or ethnicity, and there is currently no known cure; and

WHEREAS, studies show people who have served in the military are more likely to develop ALS and die from the disease than those with no history of military service; and

WHEREAS, the ALS Association, as the largest philanthropic funder and advocate of ALS research globally, has committed over \$154 million to support more than 550 projects across the United States and 18 other countries; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness about ALS is crucial to increase understanding, promote early diagnosis and intervention, and support advocacy efforts for more funding and research, with the goal of making ALS a livable disease for everyone until there is a cure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD, Mayor of the City of Appleton, do hereby proclaim May 2024, as

ALS Awareness Month

in Appleton and encourage all citizens to recognize the impact of ALS, not only on the person but also their family, and join the ALS Association's efforts to increase understanding, empower families, and support research in an effort eradicate this disease.



Signed and sealed this 15th day of May 2024.

JACOB A. WOODFORD
MAYOR OF APPLETON