



Proclamation

Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, is a progressive and fatal neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord, ultimately robbing individuals of the ability to move, speak, and breathe; and

WHEREAS, the exact causes of ALS remain unknown, there is currently no cure, and certain populations, including military veterans, face a higher risk of developing and dying from the disease; and

WHEREAS, individuals living with ALS require access to comprehensive care, including advanced therapies, assistive technologies, and supportive services to maintain dignity and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, organizations like The ALS Association and local foundations work tirelessly to provide care, support families, and advance research toward effective treatments; and

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month raises public awareness, recognizes the impact on individuals and families, and supports efforts to find a cure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that May 2026, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS) AWARENESS MONTH

in Manatee County, Florida.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this Tuesday, May 5, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Tal Siddique

Tal Siddique, Chairperson



May 5, 2026 - Regular Meeting

Subject

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Awareness Month

Category

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Board of County Commissioners

Action Requested

Adoption of Proclamation designating May 2026, as "Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Awareness Month."

Enabling/Regulating Authority

None

Background Discussion

Judy Kinley, a resident of Bradenton, is personally affected by ALS through the loss of a family member.

Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Instructions to Board Records

None

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

N/A

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

N/A