



Proclamation
of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
Recognizing May 2016 as “ALS Awareness Month”

WHEREAS, ALS, known by many as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive, fatal, neurodegenerative disease that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord, making even the simplest movements - walking, speaking, gesturing - nearly impossible; and

WHEREAS, approximately 30,000 individuals in the United States are afflicted with ALS at any given time, with 5,000 new cases appearing each year. Approximately 15 new cases of ALS are diagnosed every day, with a person losing their battle with the disease every 90 minutes, and ALS strikes people regardless of race, sex, age, or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, finding a cure for ALS will prevent the disease from robbing hundreds of thousands of Americans of their dignity and lives; and

WHEREAS, the life expectancy for most ALS patients is 2-5 years from diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, raising public awareness of this disease will facilitate the discovery of a cure, bring much needed dollars for support, and services for families in California dealing with ALS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, *that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado hereby proclaim the month of May, 2016 as “ALS Awareness Month.”*

PASSED AND ADOPTED *by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 17th day of May, 2016.*

Attest:

James S. Mitrisin
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

by: _____
Deputy Clerk

_____ *Chair, Board of Supervisors*