



## **PROCLAMATION**

### **Of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado Recognizing May 2018 as “ALS Awareness Month”**

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

**WHEREAS**, approximately 20,000 individuals in the United States are afflicted with ALS at any given time, with 6,000 new cases appearing each year. Approximately 16 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**, the life expectancy for most ALS patients is 2-5 years from diagnosis; 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**, 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, 2018 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 this 15th day of May, 2018.

Attest:

James S. Mitrising

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Clerk

Chair, Board of Supervisors