



Proclamation

*On a motion from Councilor Long
Members of Greenville County Council wish to celebrate*

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month

WHEREAS, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive fatal neurodegenerative disease that severs the connection between the brain and muscles, eventually stripping individuals of their ability to walk, talk, eat, and breathe; and

WHEREAS, every 90 minutes, someone in the United States is diagnosed with ALS and someone passes away from the disease, totaling thousands of new cases annually; and

WHEREAS, the average life expectancy for a person diagnosed with ALS is only two to five years, and as of today, the exact causes remain unknown and there is no known cure; and

WHEREAS, research shows that those who have served in the military are significantly more likely to develop and succumb to ALS than those with no history of military service; and

WHEREAS, it is of vital importance that people living with ALS have access to new therapies, durable medical equipment, and communication technologies to maintain their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, clinical trials are the cornerstone of evaluating life-extending treatments and fostering the assistive technologies necessary for those living with the disease; and

WHEREAS, the ALS Association stands as the world's largest philanthropic funder of ALS research, committing over \$154 million to more than 550 projects globally in their mission to make ALS livable and eventually cured; and

WHEREAS, ALS Awareness Month serves as a critical window to increase public understanding, acknowledge the profound impact on families, and galvanize support for the research needed to eradicate this disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, Greenville County Council does proclaim the month of May 2026 as:

ALS AWARENESS MONTH

in Greenville County

and call upon all residents to join in supporting ALS research, advocating for increased funding, and standing in solidarity with the courageous individuals and families affected by this relentless disease.

Signed this 5th day of May, 2026

*Benton Blount, Chairman
Greenville County Council*