



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive, fatal disease that attacks nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord, making even the simplest movements—walking, breathing, speaking, eating, gesturing—eventually impossible; and

WHEREAS, ALS has no known cause, means of prevention or cure; and

WHEREAS, the prevalence rate in the State of Hawai'i for ALS is an average of 71 individuals at any given time; and

WHEREAS, in the State of Hawai'i, approximately 29 new cases are diagnosed annually; and

WHEREAS, research indicates that military veterans are approximately twice as likely to develop ALS; and

WHEREAS, our community needs to recognize ALS and its long-term consequences and provide those affected with understanding, legislative action, and support; and

WHEREAS, ALS patients and their families in Hawai'i have repeatedly demonstrated extraordinary resilience, resourcefulness, and dignity despite the difficulties of living with ALS; and

WHEREAS, national and local ALS-related organizations in Hawai'i are coordinating their efforts to provide care to ALS families and to advocate for more funding for research, service, and public awareness;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 2019 as

“ALS AWARENESS AND ALS FAMILIES APPRECIATION MONTH”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in urging our citizens to educate themselves about ALS and extend their aloha and support to all families living with ALS.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of May 2019.

JOSHUA B. GREEN
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i