

Executive Department

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), often known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive disorder of motor neurons, causing the death of nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord that control the action of voluntary muscles; and

WHEREAS, the initial symptoms of ALS include muscle weakness, atrophy, cramping, twitching, stiffness and spasticity, resulting in problems with mobility as well as speaking, swallowing and breathing; and

WHEREAS, in addition to physical symptoms, the advanced stages of ALS can be financially crippling, depleting the resources of patients and families; and

WHEREAS, each year, over 5,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with this illness, for which there is not cure. Currently, ALS affects an estimated 35,000 Americans and 600 Ohioans; and

WHEREAS, the life expectancy for those diagnosed is between three and five years; and

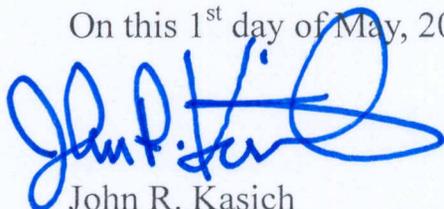
WHEREAS, ALS Awareness Month provides an opportunity to recognize the critical research underway to eradicate this disease and to increase public awareness about the devastating impact of ALS on patients, and their families and friends.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby designate May 2012 as

**AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL
SCLEROSIS AWARENESS MONTH**

throughout Ohio and urge all citizens to become educated about ALS and to lend their aid to combating this disease by all means possible.

On this 1st day of May, 2012;



John R. Kasich
Governor

