

City of Statesville, North Carolina

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Awareness Month May 2026

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive and fatal neurodegenerative disorder that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord, gradually robbing individuals of their ability to move, speak, swallow, and eventually breathe; and

WHEREAS, approximately 5,000 individuals in the United States are diagnosed with ALS each year, highlighting the urgent need for continued research and awareness; and

WHEREAS, ALS affects individuals of all races, ages, genders, and backgrounds, and currently has no known cause, effective treatment, or cure; and

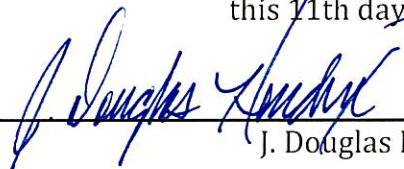
WHEREAS, individuals living with ALS, along with their families and caregivers, face significant physical, emotional, and financial challenges, often requiring specialized medical equipment, home modifications, and full-time care that may exceed available insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, increasing public awareness and community engagement are essential to advancing research, improving access to care and resources, and supporting those affected by ALS with compassion and dignity; and

WHEREAS, ALS Awareness Month provides an opportunity to recognize the profound impact of this disease on individuals, families, and communities, while also honoring ongoing efforts to find treatments and a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Douglas Hendrix, Mayor of the City of Statesville, do hereby proclaim **May 2026** as "**Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Awareness Month**" in the City of Statesville, and encourage all citizens to join in raising awareness, supporting those affected, and promoting efforts to eliminate this disease.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have set
my Hand and caused the Great Seal
of the City of Statesville to be affixed
this 11th day of May 2026



J. Douglas Hendrix, Mayor

