

Proclamation
ALS Awareness Month
May 2017

Whereas, ALS known by many as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive fatal neurodegenerative disease that attacks nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord; making even the simplest movements – walking, speaking, gesturing – nearly impossible; and

Whereas, approximately 30,000 individuals in the United States are afflicted with ALS at any given time, with 5,000 new cases appearing each year; and

Whereas, approximately 15 new cases of ALS are diagnosed every day, with a person losing their battle with the disease every 90 minutes; and

Whereas, ALS strikes people regardless of race, sex, age, or ethnicity; and

Whereas, finding the causes of, and cure for, ALS will prevent the disease from robbing hundreds of thousands of Americans of their dignity and lives; and

Whereas, aggressive treatments of the symptoms of ALS can extend the lives of those living with the disease; 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 Colorado dealing with ALS.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That, that the Adams County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of May 2017 as ALS Awareness Month.

In witness whereof, we have set our hands and caused the seal of the county to be affixed – May 30, 2017.