

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month 2024

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), known by many as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive fatal neurodegenerative disease in which a person's brain loses connection with the muscles, slowly taking away their ability to walk, talk, eat, and eventually breathe; and

WHEREAS, every 90 minutes someone is diagnosed with ALS and someone passes away from ALS. On average, patients diagnosed with ALS only survive two to five years from the time of diagnosis and currently ALS has no cure; and

WHEREAS, people who have served in the military are more likely to develop ALS and die from the disease than those with no history of military service; and

WHEREAS, securing access to new therapies, durable medical equipment, and communication technologies is of vital importance to people living with ALS; and

WHEREAS, our commitment to accelerating the pace of discovery remains unwavering, fueled by the hope that one day, ALS will be a livable disease for everyone, everywhere, until we can cure it; and

WHEREAS, ALS Awareness Month increases the public's awareness of people with ALS' dire circumstances, and acknowledges the terrible impact this disease has, not only on the person but on his or her family and the community, and recognizes the research being done to eradicate this disease.

Now, therefore, I, Gregory Mills, Mayor of the City of Brighton, on behalf of the City Council do hereby proclaim the month of May 2024 as ALS Awareness Month.

DATED this 21st day of May 2024

ATTEST:

Natalie Hoel, City Clerk

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