

PROCLAMATION

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Month

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known 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 such as walking, speaking, gesturing difficult; and

WHEREAS, approximately 5,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with ALS each year, including retired Lodi Police Officer Chuck Fromm, who proudly served his community for 28 years and retired in 2007. Chuck passed away in March after courageously battling this devastating disease; and

WHEREAS, ALS strikes people regardless of race, age, gender, ethnicity, or social status, and currently has no known cause, means of prevention, or cure, making diagnosis difficult and treatment particularly challenging; and

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

WHEREAS, individuals diagnosed with ALS survive, on average, only two to five years from the time of diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, ALS Awareness Month increases public understanding of the severe challenges faced by those living with ALS and acknowledges the profound impact this disease has not only on individuals, but also on their families and communities; and

WHEREAS, ALS Awareness Month increases the public's awareness of people with ALS's dire circumstances, and acknowledges the terrible impact this disease has, not only on the person affected, but on his or her family and their community. ALS Awareness Month also recognizes the research being done to eradicate this disease, and encourages Americans to focus on their heart health and encourages them to get their families, friends, and communities involved.

WHEREAS, ALS Awareness Month also recognizes the ongoing research efforts to eradicate this disease and encourages Americans to support these efforts and promote community involvement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Ramon Yopez, Mayor of the City of Lodi, do hereby proclaim May 2026, as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Awareness month, in honor of retired Lodi Police Officer Chuck Fromm, and in remembrance of all those who have lost their lives to this devastating disease, as well as in support of the loved ones they leave behind.

SIGNED this 20th day of May, 2026