

City of Kingsport

Proclamation

Whereas, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, or ALS, is a progressive fatal neurodegenerative disease in which a person's brain loses connection with their muscles, slowly reducing a person's ability to walk, talk, eat, and eventually breathe; and,

Whereas, thousands of new ALS cases are reported every year, and estimates show that every 90 minutes, someone is diagnosed with ALS and someone passes away from ALS; and,

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

Whereas, the exact causes of ALS are unknown and there is no known cure for ALS; 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, ALS Awareness Month provides an opportunity to increase public awareness of the dire circumstances of people living with ALS, acknowledge the terrible impact this disease has on those individuals and their families, and support research to eradicate this disease.

Now, therefore, I, Paul W. Montgomery, Mayor of the City of Kingsport, and on behalf of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Kingsport, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as

ALS Awareness Month

in the City of Kingsport and encourage the Kingsport community to join in supporting ALS research, advocating for increased funding, and standing in solidarity with those affected by this relentless disease.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Kingsport, Tennessee, to be affixed this 5th day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-six.

Paul W. Montgomery, Mayor