



The Office of the Mayor

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, 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,** the ALS Association is the largest philanthropic funder of ALS research globally and is committed to accelerating the pace of discovery, fueled by the hope that one day ALS will be a livable disease for everyone, everywhere, until a cure can be found; and,
- WHEREAS,** clinical trials play a pivotal role in evaluating new treatments, enhancing quality of life, and fostering assistive technologies for those 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.
- THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Robert E. Simison, hereby proclaim May 2026 as

ALS Awareness Month

in the City of Meridian and call upon all our citizens to join in supporting ALS research, advocating for increased funding, and standing in solidarity with those affected by this relentless disease.

Dated this 5th day of May, 2026

A blue ink signature of Robert E. Simison, Mayor of Meridian, Idaho.

Robert E. Simison, Mayor



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