

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, according to The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke's Strategic Plan, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) is a disease that weakens the muscles used to move, swallow, and breathe, and the estimated survival is three to five years after the onset of symptoms; and,

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's National ALS Registry, an estimated 32,000 people are living with ALS in the United States, with 5,000-6,000 people diagnosed annually; and,

WHEREAS, according to an article titled "Prospective study of military service and mortality from ALS", ALS affects people in all communities, but U.S. military veterans are twice as likely to develop ALS compared to non-veterans; and,

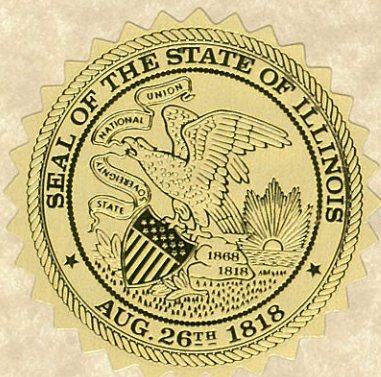
WHEREAS, the Les Turner ALS Foundation, founded in Skokie, Illinois, strives to provide the most comprehensive care and support to people living with ALS and their families so they can confidently navigate the disease and advance scientific research for the prevention, treatment, and cure of ALS; and,

WHEREAS, ALS Awareness Month is an opportunity to raise awareness and share information with your community about ALS;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2023 as ALS Awareness Month in the state of Illinois and hereby urge all residents to take note of this observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this EIGHTEENTH *day of* APRIL *, in*
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-THREE *, and of the State of Illinois,*
two hundred and FIFTH *.*



Alexi Giannoulis
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR