

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

PROCLAMATION

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month

May 2018

- WHEREAS,** Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis or ALS is better known as Lou Gehrig's disease; and is a fatal neurodegenerative disease, and
- WHEREAS,** the initial symptom of ALS is weakness of the skeletal muscles, especially those of the extremities; as the ALS progresses the patient experiences difficulty in swallowing, talking, and breathing; and eventually causes muscles to atrophy; and
- WHEREAS,** ALS does not affect a patient's mental capacity, so that the patient remains alert and aware of his or her loss of motor functions and the inevitable outcome of continued deterioration and death; and
- WHEREAS,** on average, patients diagnosed with ALS only survive two to five years from the time of diagnosis; and
- WHEREAS,** ALS has no known cause, means of prevention, or cure; and
- WHEREAS,** Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month increases the public's awareness of ALS patients' circumstances and acknowledges the terrible impact this disease has not only on the patient but on his or her family and the community and recognizes the research being done to eradicate this horrible disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steve Chirico, Mayor of the City of Naperville, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2018, as

**Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month
in the City of Naperville**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Naperville this fifteenth day of May, 2018.

Steve Chirico

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Mayor