

PROCLAMATION

Celebrating National ALS Awareness Month



- WHEREAS;** Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), often known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive disorder that occurs when motor nerve cells in the central nervous system cease function and die; and
- WHEREAS;** each year, nearly 6,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with this illness, for which there is no known cause or cure. Currently, there are approximately 200 ALS patients in Nevada; and
- WHEREAS;** in the advanced stages, ALS care can cost up to \$200,000 per year, depleting the financial resources of patients and relatives; and
- WHEREAS;** the suffering of patients and the anguish and struggle of caregivers must be supported and alleviated as much as possible; and
- THEREFORE:** We, the undersigned Mayor and City Council for the City of Las Vegas, do hereby take great pride in proclaiming the month of May 2004 to be:

National ALS Awareness Month
in the City of Las Vegas