



## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Executive Order

# PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS,** Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease, is a devastating and fatal neurodegenerative condition. It progressively destroys motor neurons, leading to complete paralysis and, in most cases, death within five years of diagnosis. There is no cure.
- WHEREAS,** Military veterans are disproportionately affected by ALS—multiple studies show they are significantly more likely to develop and die from the disease than the general population.
- WHEREAS,** While their minds remain sharp, people living with ALS lose the ability to walk, talk, eat, and eventually breathe. As their independence fades, they often rely entirely on caregivers. In advanced stages, round-the-clock care becomes essential.
- WHEREAS,** To truly confront ALS, we must raise awareness and ensure policies reflect the urgent needs of those living with this disease. Increased advocacy and legislative support are critical to advancing research, easing the burden on families, and ultimately finding a cure.

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, **John Irrgang**, do hereby proclaim the month of May as:

### **ALS Awareness Month**

in the City of Batesville and urge all citizens along with all agencies and organizations to duly note this occasion.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Batesville, on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

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Mayor John Irrgang  
City of Batesville