

# THE CITY OF FARGO

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), known by many as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive, fatal neurodegenerative disease in which a person's brain loses connection with the muscles, slowly taking away their ability to walk, talk, eat and eventually breathe; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no cure for ALS and on average, patients diagnosed with ALS only survive two to five years from the time of diagnosis; and

**WHEREAS**, securing access to new therapies, durable medical equipment and communication technologies is of vital importance to people living with ALS; and

**WHEREAS**, we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Ice Bucket Challenge through a renewed commitment to galvanize public awareness and support funding for ALS research; and

**WHEREAS**, ALS Awareness Month increases the public's awareness of people with ALS' dire circumstances, and acknowledges the terrible impact this disease has, not only on the person but on their families, and recognizes the research being done to eradicate this disease.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Dr. Timothy J. Mahoney, Mayor of the City of Fargo, North Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2024 as

### **ALS AWARENESS MONTH**

in the City of Fargo, North Dakota and call upon citizens to join in supporting ALS research, advocating for increased funding and standing in solidarity with those affected by the disease.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Fargo to be affixed this 8th day of May, 2024.

Dr. Timothy J. Mahoney  
Mayor  
Fargo, North Dakota