

**CITY OF NIXA
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
STATE OF MISSOURI**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), known by many as Lou Gehrig’s disease, is a progressive fatal neurodegenerative disease that attacks nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord, making even the simplest movements – walking, speaking, and gesturing – difficult; and

WHEREAS, approximately 5,000 people are diagnosed with ALS each year, with a new diagnosis every 90 minutes; and

WHEREAS, research indicates that military veterans are approximately 50% more likely to develop ALS than those who have not served in the military; and

WHEREAS, ALS strikes people regardless of race, ethnicity, or social status, and currently has no known cause, means of prevention, or cure, making diagnosis difficult. Patients diagnosed with ALS survive only two to five years and have few treatments to improve quality of life; and

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

WHEREAS, ALS Awareness Month raises awareness of the dire circumstances faced by those with ALS, acknowledges the terrible impact this diagnosis has on affect individuals, their families, and the community, and recognizes the importance of continued research to eradicate this disease; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jarad Giddens, Mayor of the City of Nixa, Missouri, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as

"ALS Awareness Month"

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Nixa, this 28th day of April 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk