

Office of the Mayor  
City of Fayetteville  
**Proclamation**



**WHEREAS:** Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, ALS, more commonly known as "Lou Gehrig's disease", is a degenerative, neuromuscular disorder that attacks the nerve cells that control voluntary muscles, causing progressive weakness and eventually paralysis and death, and

**WHEREAS:** every day, about 15 people are newly diagnosed with ALS- a total of more than 5,600 people per year. As many as 30,000 Americans may currently be affected by ALS, and annually ALS is responsible for two deaths per 100,000 people, and

**WHEREAS:** the average life expectancy of a person with ALS is two-to-five years from time of diagnosis, but with recent advances in research and improved medical care, many patients are living longer, more productive lives, and

**WHEREAS:** established in 1985, the ALS Association is the only national nonprofit organization fighting Lou Gehrig's disease through a nationwide network of chapters, coordinating multidisciplinary care through certified clinical care centers and fostering government partnerships, and

**WHEREAS:** the ALS Association strives to build hope and enhance quality of life for those who are affected by ALS, while aggressively searching for new treatments and a cure, and

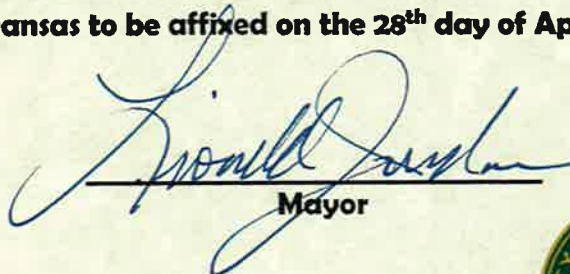
**WHEREAS:** the Arkansas Chapter of the ALS Association wants to ensure that all members of the public understand the deadly effects of ALS and the importance of helping to defeat it,

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2015 as**


**"ALS AWARENESS MONTH"**

in Fayetteville, Arkansas and call upon our citizens to promote awareness of ALS and the need to continue the fight toward finding a cure.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.**

  
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Mayor

**Attest:**

  
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City Clerk

