

106TH CONGRESS  
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# S. RES. 72

Designating the month of May in 1999 and 2000 as “National ALS Awareness Month”.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 23, 1999

Mr. TORRICELLI submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

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“National ALS Awareness Month”.

Whereas Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as Lou Gehrig’s Disease, is a progressive neuromuscular disease characterized by a degeneration of the nerve cells of the brain and spinal cord leading to the wasting of muscles, paralysis, and eventual death;

Whereas approximately 30,000 individuals in the United States are afflicted with ALS at any time, with approximately 5,000 new cases appearing each year;

Whereas ALS usually strikes individuals that are 50 years of age or older;

Whereas the life expectancy of an individual with ALS is 3 to 5 years from the time of diagnosis;

Whereas there is no known cause or cure for ALS;

Whereas aggressive treatment of the symptoms of ALS can extend the lives of individuals with the disease; and

Whereas recent advances in ALS research have produced promising leads, many related to shared disease processes that appear to operate in many neurodegenerative diseases: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) designates the month of May in 1999 and  
3       2000 as “National ALS Awareness Month”; and

4               (2) requests the President to issue a proclama-  
5       tion calling on the people of the United States to ob-  
6       serve the month with appropriate ceremonies and ac-  
7       tivities.

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