



# Proclamation

THE STATE OF TEXAS           §  
COUNTY OF COMAL           §  
CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS       §

**WHEREAS**, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive fatal neurodegenerative disease in which a person's brain loses connection with their muscles, slowly reducing a person's ability to walk, talk, eat, and eventually breathe; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of new amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) cases are reported every year, and estimates show that every 90 minutes, someone is diagnosed with ALS and someone passes away from ALS; and

**WHEREAS**, on average, patients diagnosed with ALS survive only two to five years from the time of diagnosis; and

**WHEREAS**, the exact causes of ALS are unknown and there is no known cure for ALS; and

**WHEREAS**, people who have served in the military are more likely to develop ALS and die from the disease than those with no history of military service; and

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

**WHEREAS**, clinical trials play a pivotal role in evaluating new treatments, enhancing quality of life, and fostering assistive technologies for those living with ALS; and

**WHEREAS**, the ALS Association is the largest philanthropic funder of ALS research globally and has committed more than \$154 million to support more than 550 projects across the United States and 18 other countries; and

**WHEREAS**, the ALS Association is committed to accelerating the pace of discovery, fueled by the hope that one day ALS will be a livable disease for everyone, everywhere, until a cure can be found; and

**WHEREAS**, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month provides an opportunity to increase public awareness of the dire circumstances of people living with ALS, acknowledge the terrible impact this disease has on those individuals and their families, and support research to eradicate this disease;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved, that I, Neal Linnartz, Mayor of the City of New Braunfels, Texas, hereby proclaim the month of May 2025, as

**"ALS Awareness Month"**

in New Braunfels, and I encourage all citizens of New Braunfels to join in supporting ALS research, advocating for increased funding, and standing in solidarity with those affected by this relentless disease.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of New Braunfels to be affixed this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS

NEAL LINNARTZ, Mayor