

## **BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

COUNTY OF FRESNO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-289**

APPROVE A RESOLUTION FOR THE 26TH ANNUAL  
CENTRAL VALLEY WALK & ROLL TO CURE )  
AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS EVENT )

**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. Every 90 minutes someone is diagnosed with ALS, and someone passes away from ALS, because, on average, patients diagnosed with ALS only survive two to five years from the time of diagnosis; and

**WHEREAS**, ALS has no cure, 90% of cases have no genetic cause, and 5,600 people are diagnosed each year, at an approximate rate of 15 cases every day. 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. According to the U.S. National Institutes of Health, the prevalence of ALS is expected to grow by 70% by 2040, yet there is still a severe lack of information and research on the disease, including its incidence numbers, pre-existing factors, and even a proper diagnosis methodology; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of October provides time for ALS organizations and the community to raise awareness and support through various events. This month is a time to educate people about ALS, support individuals and families affected by ALS, and promote research efforts to find effective treatments and a cure for ALS; and

**WHEREAS**, every year since 2013, the ALS Network, formerly ALS Golden West, has been and continues to partner with the ALS community to drive the discovery of prevention strategies, treatments, and cures for ALS, and increase access to quality care, connections, and promote initiatives to improve health outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, the ALS Network will host the 26th Annual Central Valley Walk & Roll to Cure ALS, a family friendly community event that will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2025, at Woodward Park in Fresno to raise awareness and much needed funding to help continue support of ALS essential care services, important public policy initiatives, and cutting-edge research.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the 26th Annual Central Valley Walk & Roll to Cure ALS and expresses its appreciation to the ALS Network and its community partners on their efforts to raise public awareness about ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease, and encourages the community to participate in events during the month of October that educate people about the ALS disease, support individuals and families affected by ALS, and efforts to find effective treatments and a cure for ALS.

**THE FOREGOING**, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2025, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors Bredefeld, Chavez, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAINED: None

Ernest Buddy Mendes, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno

ATTEST:

BERNICE E. SEIDEL  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Fresno, State of California

By Alexander Vinn  
Deputy