

# Resolution

ORDER NO: 2024-0625

DATE: June 18, 2024

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §



**BE IT REMEMBERED**, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 18th, day of June 2024, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by John Wiley Price, Commissioner of District 3, the following Resolution was adopted:

- WHEREAS**, June 21st marks ALS Awareness Day. ALS, or Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, is an illness that affects the nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord. It can affect anyone, regardless of age, gender, or ethnicity, with the highest incidence around age 80. In the United States, over 5,000 people are diagnosed with ALS each year, with someone being diagnosed every 90 minutes and someone passing away from it at the same rate; and
- WHEREAS**, According to the National ALS Registry, around 17,800 adults meet the definition of ALS in the US. However, using capture-recapture methodology, it has been established that the mean case count of ALS cases is 24,821, resulting in a prevalence of 7.7 per 100,000 people in the US. Furthermore, the estimated upper-bound estimate is around 31,843 cases, leading to a prevalence of 9.9 per 100,000 people in the US; and
- WHEREAS**, ALS is most commonly found in white individuals, males, and those aged between 60 and 69. Conversely, persons aged between 18 and 39 have the lowest cases. Males have a higher prevalence than females overall and across all data sources. The Registry is reviewing its case-ascertainment algorithm for future national prevalence estimates to identify ALS cases better. If necessary, a newly modified algorithm will be applied to future analyses; and
- WHEREAS**, Estimating the disease burden of ALS is challenging as incidence and prevalence data for infectious diseases, other reportable/notifiable conditions, and cancer are generally more robust, timely, and accurate than those for non-notifiable chronic conditions. However, cases may still be missed or underreported for some communicable diseases, such as tuberculosis and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby recognize **ALS, or Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Day**, encourages everyone to know their status and options for prevention and treatment. The mission of the ALS Association in Dallas is to discover treatments and a cure for ALS and to serve, advocate for, and empower people affected by ALS to live their lives to the fullest. The goal is simple: end new diagnoses by following the steps to reach that goal: Test, Talk, Treat.

**DONE IN OPEN COURT**, this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.

Clay Lewis Jenkins  
County Judge

Dr. Theresa Daniel  
Commissioner, District 1

Andy Sommerman  
Commissioner, District 2

  
John Wiley Price  
Commissioner, District 3  
Dr. Elba Garcia  
Commissioner, District 4