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To enact section 5.2266 of the Revised Code to 1
designate May as "ALS Awareness Month." 2

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 5.2266 of the Revised Code be enacted 3
to read as follows: 4

Sec. 5.2266. The month of May is designated as "ALS Awareness 5
Month" to increase public awareness and understanding of 6
amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), a disease that is commonly 7
known as Lou Gehrig's disease, and to encourage efforts in finding 8
treatments and a cure for ALS. 9

Section 2. Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) is a 10
neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain 11
and spinal cord causing progressive muscle weakness and paralysis, 12
and eventually death, while the patient's mental capacity and 13
awareness of the disease remain unaffected. Because there is no 14

known cause, prevention, or cure for this devastating disease, the 15
General Assembly finds that it is vitally important that the month 16
of May be designated as "ALS Awareness Month." 17