



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held April 20, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"Each year more than 5,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease. ALS is a progressive disorder that occurs when motor nerve cells in the central nervous system cease functioning. There is no known cause or cure for this disease.

"In the advanced stages of ALS, care can cost up to \$200,000 per year, depleting the financial resources of patients and relatives. The suffering of patients and struggle of caregivers must be acknowledged and attention given to ALS education and research."

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried (Supervisor Yaroslavsky being absent), the Board proclaimed May 2004 as "Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Awareness Month" throughout Los Angeles County; and urged all citizens to become educated about ALS, commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, and to lend their aid in combating this disease.

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