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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR LINDSEY P. HORVATH

Los Angeles Walk to Defeat ALS 2023

ALS Golden West will host the Los Angeles Walk to Defeat ALS on November 12, 2023, at UCLA and via live stream. The Los Angeles Walk to Defeat ALS will raise awareness, reduce isolation for those living with ALS and their support networks, and bring the community together for the largest annual gathering of the ALS community in Los Angeles County and California.

According to the ALS Association, approximately 5,000 people in the U.S. are diagnosed with ALS yearly, which averages to about 15 new cases daily. It is estimated that up to 20,000 Americans have the disease at any given time and ALS is responsible for as many as five in every 100,000 deaths in people 20 years or older. There is currently no cure for ALS.

Funds raised through the Walk to Defeat ALS will support world-class clinical care while providing home visits, support groups, medical equipment loans, educational webinars, and services targeted to reduce disparities in underserved communities in Los Angeles County.

To support the efforts of ALS Golden West, Angelenos throughout the County are encouraged to participate in this year's Los Angeles Walk to Defeat ALS. Those who wish to participate can find more information about the event at losangeleswalktodefeatal.org. In addition to the participation of residents, County departments' wellness coordinators will be asked to disseminate information regarding the Los Angeles Walk to Defeat ALS and encourage

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their colleagues to support and participate in this event. Many of our families, friends, and neighbors have either been affected or know someone who has been impacted by ALS, and it is critical to continue efforts to defeat ALS.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Proclaim November 12, 2023, as "Los Angeles Walk to Defeat ALS Day" in Los Angeles County.
2. Direct all Los Angeles County Departments to support the Los Angeles Walk to Defeat ALS by registering and supporting fundraising efforts.
3. Direct the Los Angeles County Department Public Information Officers to promote the Los Angeles Walk to Defeat ALS by publicly sharing the event information and registration website.
4. Direct all Los Angeles County Department wellness coordinators to promote the Los Angeles Walk to Defeat ALS by sharing the event information and registration website.

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