



# City of Pittsburgh

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**WHEREAS**, commonly referred to as Lou Gehrig's Disease, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, or ALS, was first described in 1869 as a neurodegenerative disease that attacks the motor neurons in the brain and spinal cord; and,

**WHEREAS**, early symptoms include muscle weakness and slurred speech that progress into impaired use of arms and legs and difficulty breathing; and,

**WHEREAS**, most ALS cases develop between the ages of 40 and 70 and 5,600 new cases are diagnosed in the United States each year; and,

**WHEREAS**, there is no definitive cause or cure; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Western Pennsylvania Chapter of the ALS Association was founded in 1982 with one vision: create a world without ALS; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Western Pennsylvania Chapter offers a number of services, including connecting patients with social workers and speech-language pathologists, maintaining an equipment loan closet free of charge to patients, providing transportation services for patients to attend clinics, resource-group meetings, and other events; and,

**WHEREAS**, on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014, the Western Pennsylvania Chapter of the ALS Association will hold their annual Walk To Defeat ALS at Point State Park to further promote and build support behind their vision.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the Western Pennsylvania Chapter of the ALS Association for their steadfast commitment to creating a world without ALS; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby proclaim September 6, 2014, as "Strike-Out ALS Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.