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PROCLAMATION

ALS Awareness Month June 2019

WHEREAS ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) is a deadly, degenerative disease of the central nervous system, with unknown cause and no cure, which took the lives of Lou Gehrig, David Niven, and many others; and

WHEREAS this disease can strike anyone in the age group 20-80 years with devastating destruction of the motor neurons and the skeletal muscles to render the victim physically completely helpless, but without touching the intellect, as he or she watches himself or herself slowly die; and

WHEREAS although ALS is as common in occurrence as Multiple Sclerosis, it is still relatively unheard of due to its short prognosis of two to four years from date of diagnosis, and the short life span is the principal reason for the lack of public awareness which in turn results in a lack of financial support for research to find the cause and cure for this disease; and

WHEREAS development of a high level of public awareness concerning this disease seems to be the key to successful fund-raising in aid of research, patient services and education;

NOW THEREFORE I, Kevin Murdoch, Mayor of the District of Oak Bay, do hereby proclaim June 2019 as ALS Awareness Month in Oak Bay.

Kevin Murdoch, Mayor
District of Oak Bay

