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PROCLAMATION

“ALS AWARENESS MONTH” (Lou Gehrig’s Disease)

June 2021

- 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 rendering the victim physically helpless, but without touching the intellect, as he or she watches himself or herself slowly die; and
- WHEREAS** ALS is as common an occurrence as Multiple Sclerosis, but is still relatively unheard of due to its short prognosis of 2 - 4 years from date of diagnosis; 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, and Flower Day is one of the major, yearly, fund raising events for ALS.
- THEREFORE,** I, Barbara Desjardins, Mayor of the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt, do hereby proclaim June 2021 as

ALS AWARENESS MONTH

In the Municipality of Esquimalt, Province of British Columbia.

Barbara Desjardins
Mayor