From the Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

ALS AWARENESS MONTH

MAY 2008

WHEREAS, the United States Senate by official proclamation, declared the month of May in 1999 and 2000 as "National ALS Awareness Month"; and

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, was first identified in 1869 and its cause, cure and means of control are still unknown. Anyone can get ALS, which selectively destroys the motor neurons in the nervous system and in its progression the patient loses the ability to move, speak, swallow and eventually breathe while the mind remains unaffected and alert; and

WHEREAS, ALS is responsible for nearly 2 deaths per 100,000 population. Each year over 5,300 people in the United States are newly diagnosed and can expect a life expectancy on average from 2 to 5 years from the time of diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the ALS Association is to find a cure for ALS and improve living with the disease. The Greater New York Chapter funds promising research to find a cure, provides critical support programs for patients and their families and seeks to heighten awareness of issues of importance to people with ALS.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE, of the Township of Rochelle Park, on behalf on our residents, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2008 as

"ALS AWARENESS MONTH"

in recognition of this vital initiative.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of the Township of Rochelle Park to be affixed this 21st day of May, Two Thousand Eight.

JOSEPH SCARPA, Mayor

THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN STATE OF NEW JERSEY