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Presents Her with a Resolution for ALS Advocacy Day, a Cause She Championed

Trenton, NJ – Acting Governor Kim Guadagno and Assemblywoman Nancy Munoz on Wednesday visited Sonal Shah, an ALS advocate who is dying of the disease, at her home in Basking Ridge. During their visit, they presented Ms. Shah with a certified copy of the ALS Advocacy Day Resolution, which declares the third Wednesday in May each year as ALS Advocacy Day.

“We are honored to present Sonal Shah with this small token of our appreciation for her tireless efforts,” said Acting Governor Guadagno. “She has been an amazing advocate for those struggling with this disease. She is truly an inspirational person.”

In 2012, Shah was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), a fatal neurodegenerative disease also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease. Since then, Shah has worked to raise awareness of the disease. She was a key proponent of the cause, visiting the offices of several New Jersey congressmen and senators on Capitol Hill at the 2014 National ALS Association Advocacy Day to request that they push for funding and legislation that would benefit those suffering from the disease. She also headed the top fund-raising team at the central New Jersey Walk to Defeat ALS in 2015. In New Jersey, she worked with Assemblywoman Munoz to set up an ALS Advocacy Day in New Jersey. The resolution was approved on October 13, 2015.

“I want to thank Governor Christie from the bottom of my heart for signing the joint resolution, and I am forever grateful to Bernards Township Committeeman John Carpenter and Assemblywoman Nancy Munoz for their encouragement, along with the Assembly and the Senate for passing this measure,” said Sonal Shah. “I want to personally thank Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno for her support of me and of ALS awareness. I hope that this measure will help bring awareness and action to combat this brutal and life-taking disease. Let us not rest until a cure is found.”

For more information on Sonal Shah’s efforts, visit: <http://www.als-sonalshah.com/national-als-day/>

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