



Proclamation

Whereas, Parkinson's disease (PD) is the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the world, affecting between 1 million to 1.5 million Americans and between 7 to 10 million people around the world;

Whereas, the World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that globally, the prevalence of Parkinson's disease (PD) has doubled in the past 25 years, and disability and death due to PD are increasing faster than for any other neurological disorder;

Whereas, there is currently no known cause of Parkinson's, though scientists and researchers believe a unique combination of genetics, environment, lifestyle, and other factors are at play for each person who develops it;

Whereas, currently, there is no objective test or biomarker to diagnose or predict Parkinson's, and no cure or treatment able to slow or stop the progression of the disease. While most people living with Parkinson's are **older than 65**, **15%** of people with Parkinson's are diagnosed before age 50;

Whereas, the effects of Parkinson's on movement—like tremors and slowness—are often the most visible symptoms, other impacts of Parkinson's not related to movement, like emotional and cognitive challenges, sometimes have an even greater effect on your quality of life;

Whereas, even early in a diagnosis, rehabilitation therapies—including but not limited to physical, occupational, and speech therapies—are essential at all stages of Parkinson's to prevent or delay problems, minimize the impact of symptoms, and maintain daily functioning as Parkinson's progresses;

Whereas, Parkinson's is not life-threatening; however, it is progressive and very complex and can affect almost every part of the body, ranging from how you move to how you feel to how you think and process; education and support services like the ones provided by the Davis Phinney Foundation and other organizations are needed to inform, empower and improve the quality of life of those living with Parkinson's and their care partners.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, _____, Mayor City of _____,
and on behalf of the _____, do hereby recognize **APRIL 2024** as

“PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH”

In the city/county _____ I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City/County _____
to be affixed this ____ day of _____, 2024.