

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 18-0339 Recognizing April as Parkinson's Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive neurological disease and is the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the United States; and

WHEREAS, there is inadequate data on the incidence and prevalence of Parkinson's disease, but it is estimated to affect 1,000,000 people in the United States, and that number is expected to more than double by 2040; and

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is the 14th leading cause of death in the United States according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

WHEREAS, there are millions of Americans who are caregivers, family members and friends greatly impacted by Parkinson's disease; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the annual economic burden of Parkinson's disease is at least \$16.6 billion, and indirect costs to patients and family members total \$6.3 billion; and

WHEREAS, research suggests the cause of Parkinson's disease is a combination of genetic and environmental factors, but the exact cause in most individuals is still unknown; and

WHEREAS, there is no known cure or drug to slow or halt the progression of the disease, and available treatments are limited in their ability to address patients' medical needs and remain effective over time; and

WHEREAS, volunteers, researchers, caregivers, and medical professionals are working to improve the quality of life of persons living with Parkinson's disease and their families; and

WHEREAS, increased research, education and community support services are needed to find more effective treatments and to provide access to quality care to those living with the disease today.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Council of the City and County of Denver hereby proclaims April as Parkinson's Awareness Month in Denver.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to The Parkinson Association of the Rockies and to the Colorado Neurological Institute.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL APRIL 2, 2018

PRESIDENT