

Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month April 2014

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a progressive and degenerative neurological movement disorder which has a unique impact on each patient; and

WHEREAS there are more than one million Americans diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and an estimated 17,000 Coloradoans are living with Parkinson's disease; and

WHEREAS, symptoms include rigidity, tremors, difficulties with balance and speech, and cognitive issues; and

WHEREAS, the cause of this disease is unknown, the cure is not yet determined, and the standard treatments are through drug therapy and Deep Brain Stimulation surgery, which does not stop the progression; and

WHEREAS, increased education and research are needed to find more effective treatments and ultimately a cure for Parkinson's disease; and

WHEREAS, a multidisciplinary approach to Parkinson's disease care includes local wellness, support, and caregiver groups; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the effects of Parkinson's disease on the citizens of our state, so that we may gain a better understanding of their needs and bring about greater hope for a cure;

Therefore, I, (insert name of mayor), Mayor of (insert name of city), do hereby proclaim April 2014,

PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

in city of (insert name).

(signature area)

Official seal to be added