

PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

2018

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

WHEREAS, there is inadequate data on the incidence and prevalence of Parkinson's disease, but it is estimated to affect 500,000 to 1,500,000 people in the United States and the prevalence will more than double by 2040;

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

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the economic burden of Parkinson's disease is at least \$14.4 billion annually, including indirect costs to patients and family members of \$6.3 billion;

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

WHEREAS, there is no objective test or biomarker for Parkinson's disease, and there is no cure or drug to slow or halt the progression of the disease;

WHEREAS, the symptoms of Parkinson's disease vary from person to person and can include tremors; slowness of movement and rigidity; difficulty with balance, swallowing, chewing, and speaking; cognitive impairment and dementia; mood disorders (such as depression and anxiety); constipation; skin problems; and sleep difficulties;

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;

WHEREAS, 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, I, Steve Mulvihill, Mayor of the Town of Berthoud, do hereby proclaim April 2018 as

Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month

in the town of Berthoud.

Given under my hand in these free United States in the Town of Berthoud, on this 27th day of March 2018, and to which I have caused the Seal of the Town of Berthoud to be affixed and have made this proclamation public.



Attest:



