



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, after Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that over 1.5 million people in the United States and an estimated ten million in the world live with Parkinson's disease. Closer to home, there are over 400 known people in the Greeley area who suffer from this disease; and

WHEREAS, every year an estimated 60,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with Parkinson's disease; and

WHEREAS, there are millions of people who are caregivers, family members and friends who are impacted by this disease; and

WHEREAS, the combined direct and indirect costs of Parkinson's disease including treatment, disability and lost income from the inability to work are estimated at fifty-two billion dollars per year; and

WHEREAS, there is no known cure or drug to slow or halt the progression of this disease, but we are getting close. Everyone's continued financial support is still needed and appreciated; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms vary from person to person and can include tremors, slowness of movement, rigidity, gait and balance difficulty, speech and swallowing, cognitive impairment, dementia, mood disorders and much more.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Gates, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Greeley, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2023, as Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month, and do hereby proclaim April 11, 2023, as Parkinson's Disease Recognition Day in Greeley, to raise awareness and advocacy for Parkinson's Disease.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Greeley, Colorado, this 21st day of March 2023.

John Gates
Mayor