



## PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL AS PARKINSONS DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS**, Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive, neurological disease and is the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the United States that is estimated to affect approximately one million people in the United States and rise to 1.2 million by 2030;

**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 \$52 billion annually, including direct and indirect costs, including treatment, social security payments and lost income, to patients and family members;

**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 and 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**, 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**, increased research, education, and community support services such as those provided by the Parkinson's Foundation and other organizations are needed to find more effective treatments and to provide access to quality care to those living with the disease today;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dr. Dave Drotzmann, Mayor of Hermiston, Oregon do hereby proclaim and acknowledge the month of April as PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH.

SIGNED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023

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Dr. David Drotzmann, Mayor