



Town of New Castle  
**Proclamation**

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

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is estimated to affect approximately one million people in the United States, where it is the 14<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the economic burden of Parkinson's disease is at least \$52 billion annually, including both direct and indirect costs; and

WHEREAS, research suggests that the cause of Parkinson's disease is a combination of genetic and environmental factors, though its exact cause is unknown; there is currently no test, biomarker or cure; and

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; and a variety of other non-motor symptoms; 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, such as those provided by the Parkinson's Foundation and other organizations, are needed to advance treatments and access to quality care;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Art Riddile, Mayor of the Town of New Castle, Colorado, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2025 as**

**PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH**

Let this proclamation be entered into the records of the Town.

ATTEST:

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Mindy Andis, Town Clerk

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Art Riddile, Mayor