

***PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION***

***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 it is believed that one million people in the U.S. are living with Parkinson's, and nearly 90,000 Americans are diagnosed each year;

***WHEREAS***, Oregon has the sixth highest rate in the nation for deaths from Parkinson's disease according to the Oregon Environmental Council;

***WHEREAS***, the symptoms of PD vary from person to person, they include slowness of movement; rigidity; gait and balance difficulty; and tremor. Additionally, speech and swallowing disturbances; cognitive impairment, dementia, mood disorders, and a variety of other symptoms may occur;

***WHEREAS***, education and support services like the ones provided by the Davis Phinney Foundation and other organizations are needed to inform empower and improve the quality of life of those living with Parkinson's disease and their care partners in Tualatin, Oregon. Hope does exist for persons with Parkinson's disease via intensive dedicated efforts in physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy that can have a positive impact on living well with the disease.

***NOW, THEREFORE, I***, Frank Bubenik, Mayor, do hereby proclaim APRIL 2026 as PARKINSONS'S AWARENESS MONTH in the City of Tualatin.

In testimony whereof witness my hand and the Seal of the City of Tualatin this \_\_\_\_ day of April, 2026.

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Frank Bubenik, Mayor