

PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, there is inadequate data on the incidence and prevalence on Parkinson disease, it is estimated that 930,000 people live with Parkinson's by 2020 and that number is expected to rise to 1.2 million by 2030; and

WHEREAS, every year, about 60,000 Americans are diagnosed with Parkinson's, excluding the cases that go undetected; and

WHEREAS, there are millions of Americans who are caregivers, family members and friends greatly impacted by Parkinson disease; and

WHEREAS, the combined direct and indirect cost of Parkinson's in the US including treatment, disability, and similar costs, plus lost income from an inability to work are estimated at \$25 billion per year; and

WHEREAS, medications alone costs an average of \$2,500 per year and therapeutic surgery can cost up to \$100,000 per person; and

WHEREAS, research suggests the cause of Parkinson disease is a combination of genetic and environmental factors, but the exact cause in most individuals is still unknown; and

WHEREAS, there currently is no objective test or biomarker to diagnose Parkinson disease; and

WHEREAS, there is no known cure or drug to slow or halt the progression of the disease and available treatments are limited in their ability to address patients' medical needs and remain effective over time; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of Parkinson disease vary from person to person and can include tremors, slowness of movement and rigidity; gait and balance difficulty, speech and swallowing disturbances, cognitive impairments 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 those living with Parkinson disease and their families; and

WHEREAS, increased 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; and

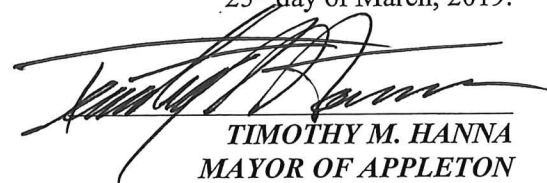
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, TIMOTHY M. HANNA, Mayor of the City of Appleton, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2019 as

Parkinson Disease Awareness Month

In Appleton and urge our citizens to work together to raise awareness and understanding of this debilitating disease.



Signed and sealed this
25th day of March, 2019.


TIMOTHY M. HANNA
MAYOR OF APPLETON