



The City of Minneapolis

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

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- Whereas:** Parkinson's disease is a progressive neurological movement disorder of the central nervous system—according to the Parkinson's Action Network, the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, the National Parkinson Foundation, the American Parkinson Disease Association, and the national Institutes of Health—affects more than 1 million Americans who have been diagnosed with the disease; and
- Whereas:** Founded in 1957, the National Parkinson Foundation is the only organization maintaining a singular focus on improving the quality of care for those living with Parkinson's disease and has an extensive network of chapters, support groups and centers of excellence throughout the United States and around the world; and
- Whereas:** Founded in 1995 as the Parkinson Association of Minnesota and renamed in June 2011, the National Parkinson Foundation Minnesota is the state affiliate chapter of the National Parkinson Foundation and has as its central mission the goal of positively impacting the lives of individuals and families living with Parkinson's disease through improved care and support, community engagement and education, and advocacy; and
- Whereas:** Minnesota ranks third among all states in the nation, per capita, for those living with Parkinson's disease; and
- Whereas:** In Minnesota and surrounding communities, the National Parkinson Foundation Minnesota drives awareness and outreach by bringing together thought leaders on Parkinson's disease as members of its clinic advisory board under the leadership of Dr. Martha Nance, of the Park Nicollet Struthers Parkinson's Center, which has providing training to hospital neurologists, physicians, pharmacists, nurses, and rehabilitation therapists to improve patient outcomes for those living with Parkinson's disease, proving that it is possible to unite competing subspecialty groups to identify and act upon areas of common interest and concern, which has the potential to improve care and improve lives throughout the region; and
- Whereas:** The National Parkinson Foundation Minnesota funds outreach, education, support groups, and families, including its unique Respite Care Grant program which reaches families throughout the Midwest, and, in the coming year, National Parkinson Foundation Minnesota will announce new grant opportunities to support individuals and families in earlier stages of diagnosis; and
- Whereas:** April has been proclaimed as World Wide Parkinson's Awareness Month to help promote awareness of the need for a multidisciplinary approach that includes local wellness and caregiver groups as well as the need for increased research, education, and support to address the devastating effects of Parkinson's disease, treatments with fewer side effects, and ultimately a cure; and
- Whereas:** The National Parkinson Foundation Minnesota will host a fundraiser on April 15, 2014, to highlight its work to support individual and families living with Parkinson's disease, to build and enhance outreach and education, to support research initiatives, and to ultimately find a cure for the disease, and, as part of this special event, has requested the lighting of the I-35W Bridge to commemorate those whose lives have been impacted by Parkinson's disease and as a visible sign of hope for a future where Parkinson's disease no longer affects individuals and families.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved: That the Mayor & City Council hereby proclaim April 2014 as PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH throughout the City of Minneapolis, and urge all residents to participate in activities and events which support the fight against Parkinson's disease and to support efforts which aid and assist individuals and families living with Parkinson's disease.

Passed this the Twenty-eighth Day of March, 2014 A.D.

For the City Council:

Barbara A. Johnson, *President of City Council*

APPROVED:

Betsy Hodges, *Mayor*

ATTEST:

Casey Joe Carl, *City Clerk*