

Office of the Mayor
City of High Point
North Carolina

PROCLAMATION...

- WHEREAS,** Parkinson’s disease is a chronic, progressive, neurological disease and is 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 and the prevalence will rise to 1.2 million by 2030; and
- WHEREAS,** 90,000 new people are diagnosed each year in the United States with Parkinson’s disease; and
- WHEREAS,** complications from Parkinson’s disease is the 14th leading cause of death in the United States according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and
- WHEREAS,** there is an estimated 30,000 people living with Parkinson’s disease in the State of North Carolina; and
- WHEREAS,** it is estimated that the economic burden of Parkinson’s disease is at least \$52 billion annually in the United States, including direct and indirect costs, treatment, and lost income, to patients and family members; and
- 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
- WHEREAS,** there is no objective test for Parkinson’s disease, and there is no cure or drug to slow or halt the progression of the disease; 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 are needed to find more effective treatments and to provide access to quality care to those living with the disease today.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Cyril Jefferson, Mayor of the City of High Point, do hereby proclaim April 11th, 2024, as:

“PARKINSON'S DAY”

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of High Point, North Carolina this 1ST day of April 2024.

Cyril Jefferson, Mayor