



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Parkinson's disease (PD) is a chronic and progressive movement disorder, meaning symptoms continue and worsen over time, with an unknown cause and no known cure; and

WHEREAS: The most common motor symptoms are tremors, stiffness or rigidity of the muscles, and slowness of movement (bradykinesia); and non-motor symptoms include mood and thinking changes amongst others; and

WHEREAS: A person with PD also may have trouble with posture, balance, coordination, and walking; and

WHEREAS: Every 9 minutes, another person is diagnosed with PD and nearly one million people in the United States have the disease, including approximately 20,000 Minnesotans; and

WHEREAS: Greater awareness through public support improves understanding of the disease by encouraging participation in research and related activities; and

WHEREAS: Local chapters of the American Parkinson Disease Association (APDA) and the National Parkinson Foundation (NPF) provide patient services and educational programs, and elevate public awareness about the disease; and

WHEREAS: Dedicated individuals in these programs improve the quality of life of Minnesotans with Parkinson's disease by providing access to beneficial therapy and exercise programs; and

WHEREAS: The University of Minnesota and Mayo Clinic are leading PD centers, performing research to unlock the mysteries of PD and ultimately put an end to the disease; and supporting institutions like these aids in the development of medical advances like novel brain MRI imaging, medication treatments, and deep brain stimulation therapies, as well as a better understanding of the genetic and environmental causes; and

WHEREAS: Parkinson's disease Awareness Month provides an opportunity to raise awareness, educate the public, and to bring hope to those whose lives are affected by the disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2017, as:

PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 31st day of March.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE