



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

**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;

**WHEREAS**, Parkinson's disease is the 14th leading cause of death in the United States according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and it is estimated that the economic burden of Parkinson's disease is approximately \$52 billion annually, including direct and indirect costs, treatment, social security payments and loss income to patients and family members;

**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 there is no specific tests or biomarker for the disease; however, there is promising medical research and new drugs to slow the progression of the disease;

**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;

**WHEREAS**, volunteers, researchers, caregivers, and medical professionals are working to improve the quality of life for persons living with Parkinson's disease and their families;

**WHEREAS**, increased research, education, and community support services such as those provided by the Parkinson's Foundation and other organizations are needed to find more effective treatments and to provide access to quality care to those living with the disease today;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, do hereby proclaim **April 2025** as **PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH** in Rockville and call upon all residents to join all communities and across the region to understand this disease and support research and efforts to find a cure.



 Kate Fulton, Councilmember	 Monique Ashton, Mayor
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April 7, 2025