

# **Proclamation**

## **Mayor Proclaims April as Parkinson's Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive, neurological disease and is the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the United States, affecting approximately one million people with 90,000 new people diagnosed each year in the U.S.; and

**WHEREAS**, Parkinson's is the 14th leading cause of death in the U.S., according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, with research suggesting the cause of Parkinson's is a combination of genetic and environmental factors, but the exact cause of the disease is still unknown and there is no known cure or drug to slow the disease's progression; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that the economic burden of Parkinson's disease is at least \$52 billion annually, including direct and indirect costs, including treatment, social security payments and lost income, to patients and family members; 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 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, DO I**, Tom Ross, Mayor of the City of Minot, hereby proclaim April as Parkinson's Awareness Month and encourage all Minot residents to recognize the struggles of those in our community who are battling Parkinson's and to support the families and caregivers of those who are battling Parkinson's through donations of our time and/or financial resources.

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*Tom Ross, Mayor, City of Minot*

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*City of Minot City Clerk*