

# Proclamation

## **City of Minot Mayor Proclaims April 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;

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is estimated to affect approximately one million people in the United States and the prevalence will more than double by 2040;

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is the 14<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the United States according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the economic burden of Parkinson's disease is at least \$14.4 billion annually, including indirect costs to patients and family members of \$6.3 billion;

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;

WHEREAS, there is no objective test or biomarker for Parkinson's disease, and there is no cure or drug to slow or halt 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 of 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, I, Shaun Sipma, Mayor of Minot, North Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of April in twenty-twenty-one as PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH**

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***Shaun Sipma, Mayor, City of Minot***

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***City of Minot, City Clerk***