

## 2022 Parkinson's Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is estimated to affect approximately 64,000 Floridians and one million people in the United States, and is growing at a rate in excess of 60,000 new people per year;

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 \$52 Billion annually, including direct and indirect costs, including treatment, social security payments, and lost income, to patients and family;

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 not known;

WHEREAS, there is no objective test or biomarker for Parkinson's disease, and there is no known cure or drug to slow the halt or progression of the disease;

WHEREAS, the symptoms of Parkinson's disease take the form of motor, non-motor, and psychological forms of expression and vary in intensity from person to person;

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, such as a Parkinson's support group 3085Thrive here in Panama City Beach ([www.3085Thrive.com](http://www.3085Thrive.com)) and services provided by the Parkinson's Foundation and other organizations , on a regional and national level, are working to provide access to quality, cost effective care;

NOW, THEREFORE, I/WE \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor/ City Council Member of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2022 as:

Parkinson's Awareness Month

Given under my hand in these free United States in the City of Panama City Beach, and to which I have caused the Seal of the City to be affixed and have made this proclamation public.

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