



The City of Minneapolis

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A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

By **Johnson, Reich, Gordon, Frey, Yang, Warsame, Goodman,
Glidden, Cano, Bender, Quincy, A. Johnson and Palmisano**

Declaring April 2015 “Parkinson’s Disease Awareness Month” in the City of Minneapolis

Whereas, Parkinson’s disease is a progressive neurological movement disorder of the central nervous system – according to the Parkinson’s Action Network, the Parkinson’s Disease Foundation, the National Parkinson Foundation, the American Parkinson Disease Association, and the national Institutes of Health – affects more than 1 million Americans who have been diagnosed with the disease; and

Whereas, Founded in 1957, the National Parkinson Foundation is the only organization maintaining a singular focus on improving the quality of care for those living with Parkinson’s disease and has an extensive network of chapters, support groups and centers of excellence throughout the United States and around the world; and

Whereas, Founded in 1995 as the Parkinson Association of Minnesota and renamed in June 2011, the National Parkinson Foundation Minnesota is the state affiliate chapter of the National Parkinson Foundation and has its central mission the goal of positively impacting the lives of individuals and families living with Parkinson’s disease through improved care and support, community engagement and education, and advocacy; and

Whereas, With approximately 25,000 people living with Parkinson’s Minnesota ranks third among all states in the nation, per capita, for those living with Parkinson’s disease; and

Whereas, In Minnesota and surrounding communities, the National Parkinson Foundation Minnesota drives awareness and outreach by bringing together thought leaders on Parkinson’s disease as members of its clinic advisory board under the leadership of Dr. Martha Nance, of the Park Nicollet Struthers Parkinson’s Center, which has provided training to hospital neurologists, physicians, pharmacists, nurses, and rehabilitation therapists to improve patient outcomes for those living with Parkinson’s disease, proving that it is possible to unite competing subspecialty groups to identify and act upon areas of common interest and concern, which has the potential to improve care and improve lives throughout the region; and

Whereas, The National Parkinson Foundation Minnesota funds outreach, education, support groups, and families, including its unique Parkinson Support Grant program for caregiver respite, help-at-home, and exercise grants which reaches individuals and families throughout the upper Midwest; and

Whereas, April has been proclaimed as World Wide Parkinson’s Awareness Month to help promote awareness of the need for a multidisciplinary approach that includes local wellness and caregiver groups as well as the need for increased research, education, and support to address the devastating effects of Parkinson’s disease, treatments with fewer side effects, and ultimately a cure; and

Whereas, To highlight its work to support individuals and families living with Parkinson’s disease, to build and enhance outreach and education, to support research initiatives, and to ultimately find a cure for the disease, the National Parkinson Foundation Minnesota, has requested the lighting of the I-35W Bridge on April 30, 2015 to commemorate those whose lives have been impacted by Parkinson’s disease and as a visible sign of hope for a future where Parkinson’s disease no longer affects individuals and families; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That April, 2015 be and hereby is declared “PARKINSON’S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH” in the City of Minneapolis and that the 35W Bridge be lit in cyan on April 30, 2015. In making this declaration, the City the City of Minneapolis urges all residents to participate in activities and events which support the fight against Parkinson’s disease and to support efforts which aid and assist individuals and families living with Parkinson’s disease.

Passed, February 27, 2015

Barbara Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Carl, City Clerk