



CITY OF BELLINGHAM  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
SETH FLEETWOOD

## MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Parkinson's Disease is a chronic, progressive neurological disorder that affects at least one million Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, Parkinson's affects not only the patient, but also the patient's spouse, family members and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, Parkinson's is defined by motor symptoms, including tremor in the hands, feet, arms, legs, jaw and face, slowness of movement, stiffness of the limbs and trunk, and impaired balance, which lead to difficulty with walking, talking and completing other simple tasks; and

**WHEREAS**, Parkinson's includes myriad non-motor symptoms, including depression, anxiety, impaired cognition and more; and

**WHEREAS**, each individual's Parkinson's symptoms and progression are unique to that patient; and

**WHEREAS**, there is currently no cure for Parkinson's; research continues into the causes, treatment options and possible cure; and

**WHEREAS**, there are programs and services available to help improve the quality of life for people affected by Parkinson's and ensure that it is possible for people with Parkinson's to live well today.

**NOW, THEREFORE, DO I**, Seth Fleetwood, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim the month of April 2020 as

### BELLINGHAM PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Bellingham and encourage all to work together to raise awareness and understanding of Parkinson's Disease.



Signed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020

Seth Fleetwood, Mayor  
City of Bellingham