

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Each individual's Parkinson's disease symptoms and progression are unique to that patient; and

WHEREAS, There is currently no cure for Parkinson's disease; 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 disease and ensure that no one walks their Parkinson's journey alone.

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim September 28, 2019 to be

BELLINGHAM PARKINSON'S DISEASE DAY

in the City of Bellingham, Washington and encourage all citizens to work together to raise awareness and understanding of Parkinson's disease.

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Signed this 29th of August, 2019

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Kelli Linville, Mayor City of Bellingham