

Mayor Christian Price

Whereas, Yampa Valley Parkinson's Support Network along with many other organizations across the county, are celebrating April 2018 as Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month; and

Whereas, Parkinson's Disease is a chronic, progressive, neurological disease and is the 2nd most common neurodegenerative disease in the United States being the 14th leading cause of death in the United States according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

Whereas, there is inadequate data on the incidence and prevalence of the disease, but it is estimated to affect 1,000,000 people in the United States causing an estimated economic burden of Parkinson's Disease of at least \$14.4 billion annually; and

Whereas, research suggests the cause of the disease is a combination of genetic and environmental factors, the exact cause and progression of the disease is unknown with no objective test or biomarker, and there is no cure or drug to slow or halt the progression of the disease; and

Whereas, the symptoms of the 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 (like depression and anxiety); constipation; skin problems; and sleep difficulties; and

Whereas, volunteers, researchers, caregivers, and medical professionals are working to improve the quality of life of persons living with the disease and their families through research, education, and community support services which are needed to find more effective treatments and to provide access to quality care to those living with the disease today; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christian Price, Mayor of the City of Maricopa, do hereby proclaim the month of April as **PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH** in the City of Maricopa.

Dated this 2nd day of April, 2019

Christian Price, Mayor