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Presented By
Mayor
Kevin L.
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The City of San Diego
Proclamation

**PARKINSON'S
AWARENESS MONTH**

April 2018

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive neurological disease which is the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the United States and the 14th leading cause of death; and

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease has inadequate data on the incidence and prevalence of Parkinson's disease, where an estimated 1 million people in the United States are affected and 60,000 San Diegans; and

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease has a variety of symptoms including but not limited to: tremors, slowness of movement and rigidity, gait and balance difficulty, speech and swallowing disturbances, and cognitive impairment; and

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease currently has no objective test, or biomarker to diagnose the disease as well as there being no known cure or drug to halt or slow the progression of the disease; and

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease economic burden is over \$26.4 billion per year, and indirect costs to patients and family members total \$6.3 billion; and

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease has volunteers, researchers, caregivers, and medical professionals working to find a cure while trying to best improve the quality of life of persons living with the disease and their families; and

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease research has increased, however, education and community support services are needed to find more effective treatments and to provide access to quality care to those living with the disease today;
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Kevin L. Faulconer, the 36th Mayor of the City of San Diego, for and on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, do hereby proclaim, April 2018, to be "PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH" in the City of San Diego.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND, THIS DAY,
AND HAVE CAUSED THE SEAL TO BE AFFIXED HERETO:



Kevin L. Faulconer
MAYOR

April 2018

DATE

