



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive neurological condition that affects movement and coordination; and

WHEREAS, Parkinson's affects about ten million people worldwide—one million in the United States and thousands in the State of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Parkinson's is the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the United States; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of Parkinson's include tremors, slowness of movement, rigidity, gait and balance difficulty, speech and swallowing disturbances, cognitive impairment and dementia, mood disorders and a variety of other non-motor symptoms; and

WHEREAS, Parkinson's is a lifelong condition without a cure, but medication and therapy can help relieve the symptoms, and treatment is more effective with early diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, the national and local Parkinson's community has established the principles for health care which include patient-centered care, access to providers and health care services, comprehensive insurance coverage, nondiscrimination, and appropriate long-term care services and supports; and

WHEREAS, the local Parkinson's community has established a Resource Center to provide information on Parkinson's disease; care for people with Parkinson's including treatment of symptoms, exercise, and nutrition; caregiver/partner support; and local clinical trials and studies;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 2021 as

"PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in supporting increased research, education and services needed to find more effective treatments and to provide access to quality long-term care to those living with the Parkinson's today.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this nineteenth day of March 2021.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i