



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a chronic progressive degenerative neurological disorder of the central nervous system for which there presently is no cure; and

WHEREAS, as much as 80% of vital dopamine producing neurons in the brain are dead or grossly impaired before Parkinson's is detectible; and

WHEREAS, symptoms include extreme fatigue, tremors, difficulty with balance and speaking, walking, swallowing, cognitive and memory problems; and

WHEREAS, although existing medications and therapies effectively treat the symptoms for some Parkinson's patients in the early stages of the disease and allows them to cope with this baffling and complex disease; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated there are over 1.5 million Americans diagnosed with Parkinson's; 5 million more worldwide; and

WHEREAS, all citizens can be aware of this debilitating disease and offer friendship, understanding, and hope to its victims;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Putaansuu, Mayor of the City of Port Orchard, do hereby proclaim April 2016:

WORLD WIDE PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Port Orchard, and I call upon all government agencies, health organizations, communications, media, and citizens of Port Orchard to observe this month with appropriate recognition.



Signed this 28th day of March 2017


Robert Putaansuu, Mayor

