

City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Rebecca Erickson



PROCLAMATION

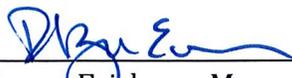
- WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a chronic progressive degenerative neurological disorder of the central nervous system for which there presently is no cure and;
- WHEREAS, As yet, no chemical, X-ray, study, blood, laboratory or clinical test can provide a definitive diagnosis and;
- WHEREAS, As much 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, More education and research is needed to help find more effective treatments with fewer side effects and ultimately a cure for Parkinson's and;
- WHEREAS, According to the Northwest Parkinson Foundation, American Parkinson's Disease Association, National Parkinson Foundation, Michael J. Fox Foundation, there are over one 1.5 million Americans diagnosed with Parkinson's; 5 million worldwide and;
- WHEREAS, All citizens can be aware of this debilitating disease and offer friendship, understanding and hope to its victims.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rebecca Erickson, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington do hereby proclaim April 2013:

WORLD WIDE PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

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

Dated this 13th day of March, 2013



Rebecca Erickson, Mayor