

# PROCLAMATION

West Linn, Oregon

**WHEREAS**, Parkinson's disease affects one million people in the United States, is the second most common neurodegenerative disease, is believed to be caused by a combination of genetic and environmental factors, and is a leading cause of death according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that Parkinson's costs the United States \$58 billion every year, of which the federal government shoulders \$29 billion, leaving American families to cover the remaining \$29 billion every year; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that by the year 2037 the number of people with Parkinson's in the U.S. will nearly double, and the disease will cost America at least \$79 billion annually; and

**WHEREAS**, the symptoms of Parkinson's disease can include dementia and cognitive impairment; tremors; slowness of movement; "freezing" in place; inability to walk and maintain balance; speech and swallowing disturbances; and a variety of other symptoms; and

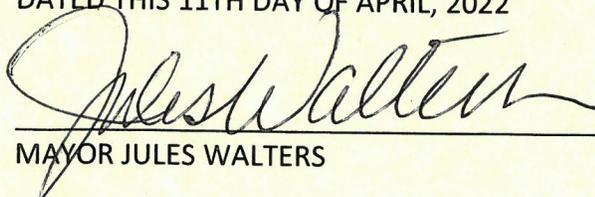
**WHEREAS**, The Michael J. Fox Foundation's Parkinson's Progression Markers Initiative works hand in hand with federal and state efforts to identify causes of Parkinson's in an effort to prevent Parkinson's one day; and

**WHEREAS**, there are tens of millions of Americans who are caregivers, family members, and friends greatly impacted by Parkinson's disease; and

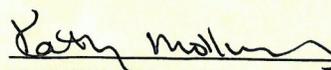
**WHEREAS**, more research and increased education and community support services are needed to find better treatments and a cure, as well as to maintain dignity for those living with the disease today.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LINN**, that April is Parkinson's Awareness Month in the City of West Linn.

DATED THIS 11TH DAY OF APRIL, 2022

  
MAYOR JULES WALTERS

ATTEST:

  
KATHY MOLLUSKY, CITY RECORDER

