

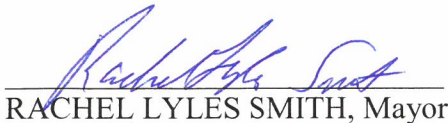
PROCLAMATION

- Whereas,** Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive, neurological disease and is the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the United States; and
- Whereas,** research suggests the cause of Parkinson's disease is a combination of genetic and environmental factors, but the exact cause and progression of the disease is still unknown; and
- Whereas,** there is no objective test or biomarker for Parkinson's disease, and the rate of misdiagnosis can be high; and
- Whereas,** the symptoms of Parkinson's disease vary from person to person and can include tremors; slowness of movement and rigidity; difficulty with balance, swallowing, chewing, and speaking; cognitive impairment and dementia; mood disorders (such as depression and anxiety); constipation; skin problems; and sleep difficulties; and
- Whereas,** there is no cure, therapy, or drug to slow or halt the progression of Parkinson's disease; and
- Whereas,** local, regional, and state volunteers, researchers, and medical professionals are working to improve the quality of life of persons living with Parkinson's disease and their families; and
- Whereas,** increased education and research is needed to find more effective treatments with fewer side effects and, ultimately, a cure for Parkinson's disease.

Now, Therefore, I, Rachel Lyles Smith, Mayor of Oregon City, hereby proclaim

The Month of April 2022
as
Parkinson's Awareness Month

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 6th day of April 2022.


RACHEL LYLES SMITH, Mayor