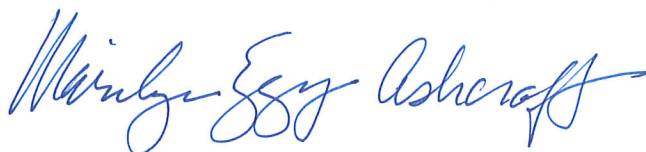


Proclamation

- Whereas,** Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive neurological disease and is the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the United States; and
- Whereas,** Parkinson's disease is estimated to affect nearly one million people in the United States, with 60,000 new Americans diagnosed each year; and
- Whereas,** there are millions of Americans who are caregivers, family members and friends greatly impacted by Parkinson's disease; and
- Whereas,** it is estimated that the annual economic burden of Parkinson's disease is over \$52 billion annually, including treatment and lost income to patients and family members; and
- Whereas,** the symptoms of Parkinson's disease vary from person to person and can include tremors, slowness of movement and 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,** there is currently no known cure or drug to slow or halt the progression of the disease; and
- Whereas,** increased research, education and community support services are needed to find more effective treatments and to provide access to quality care to those living with the disease today.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that I, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor of the City Alameda, do hereby proclaim April 2020 as

Parkinson's Awareness Month



Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft
Mayor

