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## **PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH**

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- WHEREAS,** Parkinson's Disease is a progressive disorder of the central nervous system and the second most common neurodegenerative disease affecting an estimated 1.5 million people in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** Parkinson's Disease is the 14<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the US with no objective test or biomarker and no cure or drug to slow or halt the progression of the disease; and
- WHEREAS,** the estimated economic burden of Parkinson's disease is a least \$14 billion annually including indirect costs to patients and family of \$6.3 billion; 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; and
- WHEREAS,** this Board feels that a month should be set aside to promote awareness of this disease and improve the support system for those with the disease, their families and care givers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That April be proclaimed:

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in Buncombe County.

2. That this Board recognizes the indispensable services of the Parkinson Action Network and the Parkinson Support Group of Asheville for their efforts to raise funds to help find a cure, to promote awareness of this disease and to provide patient and family support to those fighting this disease.
3. That this proclamation be effective upon its adoption.

**ADOPTED** this the 7th day of April, 2015.

### **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
**DAVID GANTT, CHAIRMAN**