

PROCLAMATION

of

PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Parkinson's Disease is a progressive disorder of the central nervous system affecting over 1.5 million people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Parkinson's Disease is characterized by a decrease in spontaneous movement, gait difficulty, postural instability and rigidity and tremor normally affecting those over 60 but increasingly affecting people in their 30's and 40's; and

WHEREAS, there are treatments that can ease the effects of this disease but there is no cure; and

WHEREAS, the Parkinson Support Group of Asheville, a chapter of the American Parkinson Disease Association, has worked for many years providing information, referrals and patient and family support to the residents of Buncombe County; and

WHEREAS, in order to promote awareness of this disease and the support system in place for those with the disease and their families and care givers, this Board feels that a month should be set aside to recognize these efforts.

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

1. That April be proclaimed:

"PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH"

in Buncombe County.

2. That this Board recognizes the indispensable services of the American Parkinson Disease Association 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 5th day of April, 2016.

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

BY: _____

DAVID GANTT, CHAIRMAN