Date

Addressee
Addressee’s Title/Position
Name of Institution, Organization or City
Address Line 1
Address Line 2
City Name, Province Postal Code

Dear Name of Individual:

**April is internationally recognized as Parkinson's Awareness Month** and I am hoping that the City of City Name will join with other communities across Canada and issue a proclamation declaring April 2019, Parkinson's Awareness Month.

Your proclamation would assist us with one of our major goals—to increase public awareness of this devastating neurological disorder.

Parkinson’s disease (PD) is the second most common degenerative neurological disorder after Alzheimer’s, but it receives significantly less attention. It is cruel and unforgiving, causing tremors, rigidity, instability, speech difficulty, and in some cases, depression, anxiety and dementia. Contrary to popular belief, Parkinson’s is not exclusively diagnosed in the senior population. It can affect individuals of all ages and genders, including those in their early 20s, with young children and at the height of their careers. The debilitating effects of Parkinson’s are felt not only by the person with the disease, but their entire family and the broader community. There is currently no known cure.

It is estimated that 13,000 people in British Columbia, 100,000 in Canada and one million in the US live with PD. The incidence of Parkinson’s is expected to double worldwide by 2040.

I have taken the liberty of enclosing an outline for the proclamation and I thank you in advance for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Parkinson Society British Columbia was established in 1969 to address the personal and social consequences of Parkinson’s disease through advocacy, education, community outreach, scientific research and public awareness.

# SAMPLE PROCLAMATION

***Parkinson Society British Columbia (****info@parkinson.bc.ca****)***

***will email you the template upon request.***

**PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS Parkinson's disease, for which there is no known cause or cure, is a progressive, degenerative neurological disorder which causes tremor or trembling of the arms and legs, muscular rigidity, slowness of movement and difficulty with speaking and swallowing;

AND WHEREAS Parkinson's affects approximately 13,000 adults in the Province of British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS Parkinson Society British Columbia is providing information, consultation, support services and educational seminars for people with Parkinson's and their families; and is promoting a better understanding of this disorder;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to increase the level of understanding of Parkinson's and the needs of persons living with Parkinson’s:

NOW, THEREFORE I,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mayor of the City of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of April 2018 as **"PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH"**

in the City of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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