



**State of Minnesota
City of Oakdale
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 approximately one million people in the United States and the prevalence will rise to 1.2 million by 2030; and

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is the 14th leading cause of death in the United States according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the economic burden of Parkinson's disease is at least \$52 billion annually, including direct and indirect costs, including treatment, social security payments and lost income, to patients and family members; 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 there is no cure or drug to slow or halt the progression of the disease; and

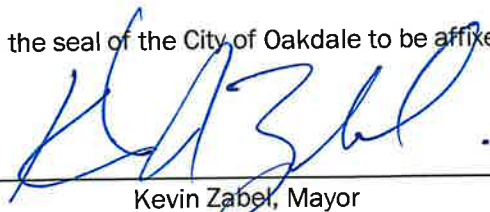
WHEREAS, the symptoms of Parkinson's disease vary from person to person and can include tremors; slowness of movement and rigidity; difficulty with balance, swallowing, chewing, and speaking; cognitive impairment and dementia; mood disorders; and a variety of other non-motor symptoms; and

WHEREAS, volunteers, researchers, caregivers, and medical professionals are working to improve the quality of life of persons living with Parkinson's disease and their families; and

WHEREAS, increased research, education, and community support services such as those provided by the American Parkinson's Disease Association, Parkinson's Foundation, M Health Fairview, and other organizations are needed to find more effective treatments and to provide access to quality care to those living with the disease today.

THEREFORE, I, Kevin Zabel, Mayor of Oakdale, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of April in twenty twenty-four as PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH.

IN WITNESS THEREOF: I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Oakdale to be affixed on this 26th day of March 2024.


Kevin Zabel, Mayor