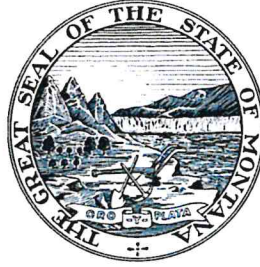


# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*



*WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease affects one million people in the United States, is the second most common neurodegenerative disease, is believed to be caused by a combination of genetic and environmental factors, and is a leading cause of death according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and*

*WHEREAS, it is estimated that Parkinson's costs the United States \$58 billion every year, and it is estimated that, by the year 2037, the number of people with Parkinson's in the U.S. will nearly double, and the disease will cost the United States at least \$79 billion every year; and*

*WHEREAS, various organizations, including the Michael J. Fox Foundation's Parkinson's Progression Markers Initiative, work hand in hand with federal and state partners to identify causes of Parkinson's, increase awareness, and work toward prevention; and*

*WHEREAS, in addition to those living with Parkinson's, there are tens of millions of family caregivers, friends, and loved ones whose lives are greatly affected by Parkinson's disease; and*

*WHEREAS, more research and increased education and community support services are needed to find better treatments and a cure as well as maintain dignity for those living with the disease today;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, the Governor of the State of Montana do hereby proclaim April 2022*

## **PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH**

in Montana.

**GREG GIANFORTE**  
**Governor**