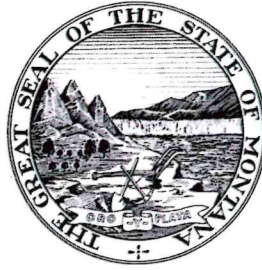


STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's 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 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 to patients and their family members; and,

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

WHEREAS, increased research, education, and community support services, such as those provided by the American Parkinson Disease Association Northwest Chapter in Montana and other organizations, are critical to the discovery of more effective treatments and support those living with the disease today;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim April 2024

PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH

in Montana to raise awareness and support for those living with Parkinson's disease.



GREG GIANFORTE
Governor