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### Parkinson's Awareness Month Proclamation

**PROCLAMATION**  
*Parkinson's Awareness Month*  
*April 2012*

*WHEREAS, Parkinson's Disease is the second most common progressive neurodegenerative disease in the United States, second only to Alzheimer's; and*

*WHEREAS, Even though there is inadequate comprehensive data on the incidence and prevalence of Parkinson's disease, as of 2011, it is estimated that the disease affects over 1,000,000 people in the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, Although research suggests the cause of Parkinson's disease is a combination of genetic and environmental factors, the exact cause and progression of the disease is still unknown; and*

*WHEREAS, there is no objective test for Parkinson's disease and the rate of misdiagnosis can be high; and*

*WHEREAS, symptoms of Parkinson's disease vary from person to person and include*

*tremors, slowness, difficulty with balance, swallowing, chewing, speaking, rigidity, cognitive problems, dementia, mood disorders, such as depression and anxiety, constipation, skin problems, and sleep disruption; and*

*WHEREAS, there is no cure, therapy, or drug to slow or halt the progression of Parkinson's disease; and*

*WHEREAS, increased education and research are needed to help find more effective treatments with fewer side effects and ultimately, an effective treatment or cure for Parkinson's disease.*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, John Hieftje, Mayor, of the City of Ann Arbor, do hereby proclaim April, 2012, as Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month in the City of Ann Arbor. I encourage all citizens to recognize the need for more research and help in dealing with the devastating effects of Parkinson's Disease.*

*I hereby set my hand and seal*

*This 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012*

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*John Hieftje, Mayor*