

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING APRIL 2019 AS

PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Parkinson's Disease (PD) is a progressive neurological disorder of the brain that results from a loss of cells that produce dopamine; and

WHEREAS, Parkinson's Disease is characterized by motor symptoms and non-motor symptoms. Motor symptoms may include instability of posture or balance, gait difficulty, stiffness or rigidity of the arms, legs or neck, general slowness of movement and tremors; and

WHEREAS, Parkinson's Disease affects over 1.5 million people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, many people live with symptoms of Parkinson's Disease for several years before being diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, often people in the early stages of the illness assume that their symptoms are the result of normal aging or other health problems, such as arthritis; and

WHEREAS, People with Parkinson's Disease are at high risk of falling due to problems with balance, rigidity, and slowness of movement -- the primary motor symptoms of PD; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates April 2019 as Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month and encourages all citizens to recognize and participate in this campaign to increase awareness and to support individuals living with Parkinson's Disease.

Dated: April 23, 2019

SUPERVISORS:

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors