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**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2024**

**RECOGNIZING** the month of April 2024 as Parkinson’s Awareness Month to spread awareness, foster acceptance, and educate the community on the history and effects of Parkinson’s disease, ensuring an equitable life for individuals with Parkinson’s disease.

WHEREAS, Parkinson’s disease is a chronic, progressive, and 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 fourteenth 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, which includes direct and indirect costs to patients and family members, such as treatment costs, social security payments, and lost income; and

WHEREAS, there is no objective test or biomarker for Parkinson’s disease, and there is no treatment 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 are needed to find more effective treatments and to provide access to quality care to those living with the disease today; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council hereby recognize the month of April 2024 as Parkinson’s Awareness Month.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Victoria Parks