

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive disorder of the nervous system that affects movement for which there is currently no cure; and
- WHEREAS,** one million people in the United States are currently living with Parkinson's disease with an additional 60,000 new cases being diagnosed each year; and
- WHEREAS,** Parkinson's disease is the 14th leading cause of death according to the Centers for Disease Control; and
- WHEREAS,** every day the American Parkinson's Disease Association provides the support, education, and research that will help everyone impacted by Parkinson's disease live life to the fullest, through research, patient and family services, education, and more; and
- WHEREAS,** increased efforts and awareness are desperately needed to help expedite the research efforts into better treatments, medications and ultimately a cure, as well as enhanced programs and services to help those impacted by Parkinson's disease live life to the fullest until a cure is found; and
- WHEREAS,** the world, the nation, and the state of Vermont observe Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month in April 2017; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont recognizes the efforts of the Vermont Chapter of the American Parkinson's Disease Association to raise funds and promote awareness to fight Parkinson's disease, thereby improving the quality of life for those living with the disease.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 2017 as

**PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH**

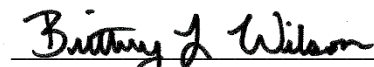
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 19th day of April, A.D. 2017.



Philip B. Scott  
Governor



  
Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs