

Neil Bettez
Town Supervisor
Town Hall P.O. Box 550
New Paltz, NY 12561

March 15, 2018

Dear Neil:

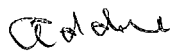
I am writing on behalf of the Parkinson's Disease Support Group of the Mid-Hudson Valley, Inc., of which I am a Board member. We respectfully request that you join the U.S. Senate that each year declares April as *World-Wide Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month*. I have attached a proclamation template which you can fill in or copy onto your own document, sign and, if you choose, affix your seal.

Last year 33 Hudson Valley municipalities and the New York Senate issued a similar proclamation for 2017. Won't you please join our 2018 effort as you have done in the past?

The completed document can be mailed to P.O. Box 304, LaGrangeville, New York 12540. This simple act of educational awareness is very helpful in spreading the word about this devastating disease and the need for a cure.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,



Adelaide Haas
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New Paltz, NY 12561

Enclosures (1)

Parkinson's Awareness Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a progressive neurological movement disorder of the central nervous system, which has a unique impact on each patient; and

WHEREAS, according to the Parkinson's Action Network, the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, the American Parkinson's Disease Association and the National Institutes of Health, there are over one million Americans diagnosed with Parkinson's disease; and

WHEREAS, symptoms include slowness, tremor, difficulty with balance and speaking, rigidity, cognitive and memory problems; and

WHEREAS, although new medicines and therapies may enhance life for some time for people with Parkinson's, more work is needed for a cure; and

WHEREAS, increased education and research are needed to help find more effective treatments with fewer side effects and ultimately a cure for Parkinson's disease; and

WHEREAS, a multidisciplinary approach to Parkinson's disease care includes local wellness, support, and caregiver groups; and

WHEREAS, April has been proclaimed as World Wide Parkinson's Awareness Month for all to recognize the need for more research and help in dealing with the devastating effects of Parkinson's disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Neil Bettez, SUPERVISOR of the Town of New Paltz, do hereby proclaim April as Parkinson's Awareness Month in 2018.

Given under my hand in these free United States in the Town of New Paltz, on this day of two thousand and eighteen, and to which I have caused the Seal of the Town of New Paltz to be affixed and have made this proclamation public.

Supervisor

Attest:
