

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

March 28, 2017

Dear Neil:

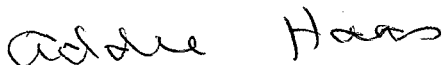
I am writing on behalf of the Parkinson's Disease Support Group of the Mid-Hudson Valley, Inc., of which I am a Board member. We respectfully request that you join the U.S. Senate that each year declares April as *World-Wide Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month*. I have attached a proclamation template 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 2016. See the enclosed *Letter to the Editor* of the *Poughkeepsie Journal*. Won't you please join our 2017 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adelaide Haas', written in a cursive style.

Adelaide Haas
18 Pinecrest Road
New Paltz, NY 12561

Enclosures (3)

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, _____, SUPERVISOR of the Town of New Paltz, do hereby proclaim April as Parkinson's Awareness Month in 2017.

Given under my hand in these free United States in the Town of New Paltz, on this day of two thousand and seventeen, 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:

Opinion

Support group thanks event's participants

The Hudson Valley takes care of its own!

The Mid-Hudson Bridge lights glowed green and yellow for hope and optimism. The Boardman Road Branch Library in Poughkeepsie hosted a month-long display, and hundreds participated in the "Walk Over Water" on the Walkway Over the Hudson, sponsored by the Parkinson's Disease Support Group of the Mid-Hudson Valley. All were celebrating worldwide Parkinson's Awareness Month.

High school students from Arlington's Friends of Rachel Club, the John Jay Interact Club and Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church carried banners for the walk and pushed 24 borrowed wheelchairs.

Sen. Sue Serino, R-Hyde Park, presented a Senate resolution declaring April Parkinson's Awareness Month in New York state. Assemblywoman Didi Barrett, D-Hudson, and Assemblywoman Addie Russell, D-Theresa, Jefferson County, sponsored a similar resolution in the Assembly.

Thirty-three area municipalities did the same. Those issuing proclamations include Beacon, Beekman, Clinton, Dover, Dutchess County, East Fishkill, the Town/Village of Fishkill, Hyde Park, Kingston, LaGrange, Lloyd, Marbletown, Milan, North East, Pine Plains, the Town/City of Poughkeepsie, Town/Village of New Paltz, Red Hook, Village of Rhinebeck, Rosendale, Saugerties, Shandaken, Stanford, Town of Ulster, Union Vale, Town of Wappinger/Village of Wappingers Falls, Washington, Wawarsing and Woodstock.

MidHudson Regional Hospital and Vassar Brothers Medical Center sponsored the event, aided by Evercare Choice, Golden Hill Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Hudson Valley Hospice, Mazzetti, Buscetto, and Associates and Poland Spring Water of Newburgh.

Together, we raised \$20,000 toward a 5 year total of \$210,000, with a matching grant!

Thank you all for helping keep hope alive!

Nancy Redkey

Chair

Parkinson's Disease Support Group of the Mid-Hudson Valley, Inc.