

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*No. 216*

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WHEREAS, The Month of April is the Parkinson's Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Parkinson's Disease affects up to 1.5 million Americans, more persons than those suffering from Multiple Sclerosis and Muscular Dystrophy combined; and

WHEREAS, Such well known people, including the former heavyweight boxing champion, Muhammad Ali, United States Attorney General Janet Reno, television and film star Michael J. Fox, and our own Senator Claiborne Pell suffer from this illness; and

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease, which is a chronic, non-fatal, neurological condition named after Dr. James Parkinson, a London physician who was the first to describe the syndrome in 1817; is a slowly progressive disease that affects a small area of cells in the mid-brain known as the substantia nigra, and which gradual degeneration of these cells causes a reduction in a vital chemical known as "dopamine", which causes the symptoms of the disease; and

WHEREAS, The symptoms are tremors, slowness of movement, stiffness of limbs and gait or balance problems; and

WHEREAS, More research is needed to determine effective treatments and causes, since it remains a mystery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council does extend sympathy and support to those who suffer from Parkinson's disease and urge people to learn more about the illness.

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Council President Lombardi, Councilman Allen, Sprate, Butte,  
Kutler, De Luca, Councilman Ali Rego, Councilman Shantz, Alfieri,  
Pulera, Merino, Councilman Natta, Romano, and Young

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