

Office of the Mayor

CITY OF MANITOWOC

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive, 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, with 90,000 new cases diagnosed each year; including 15,000 Wisconsinites; and
- WHEREAS, complications from Parkinson's disease is the 14<sup>th</sup> 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, including direct and indirect costs, including treatment, social security payments and lost income, to patients and family members; and
- WHEREAS, research suggests the cause of Parkinson's disease is a combination of genetic and environmental factors, but the exact cause and progression of the disease is still unknown; there is no objective test or biomarker for Parkinson's disease, and there is no cure or drug to slow or halt the progression of the disease; 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; including the Manitowoc County Parkinson's Disease Support Group, and outreach program of the Manitowoc Senior Center; and
- WHEREAS, increased research, education, and community support services such as those provided by the Parkinson's Foundation, the Wisconsin Parkinson's Association, and other organizations are needed to find more effective treatments and to provide access to quality care to those living with the disease today.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. NICKELS, Mayor of the City of Manitowoc hereby proclaim the month of April, as

## Parkinson's Awareness Month

**In Testimony Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Manitowoc to be affixed. Done at City Hall in the City of Manitowoc this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, Twenty Twenty-Five.

  
Justin M. Nickels, Mayor