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To: Mayor Val van den Broek <vvandenbroek@langleycity.ca>

Subject: Parkinsons's Awareness Month 2022 Proclamation Request - City of Langley

Dear Mayor Val van den Broek,

April is internationally recognized as Parkinson's Awareness Month and I am hoping that the City of Langley will join with other communities across Canada and issue a proclamation declaring April 2022, Parkinson's Awareness Month. Your proclamation would assist us with one of our major goals—to increase public awareness of this devastating neurological disorder.

Parkinson's disease (PD) is the second most common degenerative neurological disorder after Alzheimer's, but it receives significantly less attention. It is cruel and unforgiving, causing tremors, rigidity, instability, speech difficulty, and in some cases, depression, anxiety, and dementia. Contrary to popular belief, Parkinson's is not exclusively diagnosed in the senior population. It can affect individuals of all ages and genders, including those in their early twenties, with young children, and at the height of their careers. The debilitating effects of Parkinson's are felt not only by the person with the disease, but their entire family and the broader community. There is currently no known cure.

It is estimated that 15,000 people in British Columbia, 100,000 in Canada, and one million in the US live with PD. The worldwide incidence of Parkinson's disease is expected to double by 2040.

I have taken the liberty of enclosing an outline for the proclamation and I thank you in advance for considering this request.

Sincerely,

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