



## ***PROCLAMATION***

**WHEREAS** the members of the American Parkinson Disease Association request that you consider declaring April as Parkinson's Awareness Month in New Jersey. Educating the public and raising awareness about this disease – one that affects between 500,000 – 1.5 million Americans – is vital in our search for a cure.

**WHEREAS** Parkinson's disease is the 14<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the United States and is estimated to cost our country at least \$14.4 billion annually.

**WHEREAS** Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive neurological disease and there is no treatment, therapy, or drug to slow or halt the progression of the disease. With so many people impacted by this devastating disease, this proclamation would play an important role in raising awareness about Parkinson's and the need for more research, education, and community support services.

**WHEREAS** it would mean so much to our community to have April locally designated as Parkinson's Awareness Month.

**WHEREAS** many great events are taking place every day in our communities to better the lives of those living with this disease. While new technologies and treatments are being approved to benefit people living with the disease, we are still hoping for more effective treatments and a cure. Parkinson's disease affects not only the lives of the individual, but also those of their families and friends.

**BECAUSE** of this, the Spotswood Office on Aging in conjunction with the American Parkinson's Disease Foundation have begun a monthly support group focusing on the needs of the those in our community affected by this disease. We invite you, your family and your friends to attend our group meeting on the first Wednesday of every month at 1:00 at the Spotswood Office on Aging located at 1 Arlington Avenue, Suite 401, Spotswood, NJ.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Nicholas Polisenio, by the authority vested in me by the governing body of Spotswood do hereby declare April 13, 2016 as:

### ***PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS DAY***

I urge all citizens to support the search for a cure and assist those individuals and families who deal with this devastating illness on a daily basis.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of Spotswood, New Jersey on this 4th day of April, in the year of 2016.

ATTEST:

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***Patricia DeStefano, RMC***  
***Municipal Clerk***

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***Nicholas Polisenio***  
***Mayor***