

A Proclamation Designating Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month in Bristol

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 National Institute of Health, approximately 1.5 million people in the United States are 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 public awareness is needed in facilitating a timely cure for Parkinson's Disease; and

Whereas, a multidisciplinary approach to Parkinson's Disease care includes local Wellness, Support, and Caregiver Groups; and

Whereas, the Northeast TN Parkinson's support group has individually and collectively focused on support, education, and awareness for patients and the community for Parkinson's Disease; and

Whereas, April has been proclaimed as Worldwide 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, David Shumaker, Mayor of the City of Bristol, Tennessee do hereby proclaim April 2008, as

Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month

in Bristol, Tennessee, and hereby commend the efforts of those locally whom Parkinson's affects in their efforts of support and action for a cure for this disease.

This 1st day of April, 2008.

David Shumaker
Mayor