



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

*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, there is inadequate data on the incidence and prevalence of Parkinson's disease, but it is estimated to affect 500,000 to 1.5 million people in the United States, and the prevalence will more than double by 2040; and*

*WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is the 14th 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 \$14.4 billion annually, including indirect costs to patients and family members of \$6.3 billion; 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; and*

*WHEREAS, 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, the symptoms of Parkinson's disease vary from person to person and can include tremors; slowness of movement and rigidity; difficulty with balance, swallowing, chewing, and speaking; cognitive impairment and dementia; mood disorders; and a variety of other non-motor symptoms; and*

*WHEREAS, volunteers, researchers, caregivers and medical professionals are working to improve the quality of life for persons with Parkinson's disease and their families; and*

*WHEREAS, increased research, education and community support services are needed to find more effective treatments and to provide access to quality care to those living with this disease today;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim April 2014 to be*

**PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH**

*in Idaho.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-fifth.*

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

LAWRENCE DENNEY  
SECRETARY OF STATE