

FORSYTH COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**BRIEFING
DRAFT**

MEETING DATE: APRIL 26, 2018 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 1

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2018 AS PARKINSON'S AWARENESS
MONTH IN FORSYTH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

ATTACHMENTS: YES NO

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____
COUNTY MANAGER

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2018 AS
PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH IN
FORSYTH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

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 the 14th leading cause of death in the United States according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and over one million Americans are currently living with Parkinson's disease; 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, as 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, increased research, education, and community support services such as those provided by The Parkinson's Foundation and other organizations are needed to find more effective treatments, and to provide access to quality care to those living with the disease today; 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, and to find more effective treatments for those living with the disease; and

WHEREAS, The Parkinson's Foundation, with the help of a local volunteer committee, is hosting the Northwest Piedmont Region's inaugural Moving Day Walk for Parkinson's on April 28th, highlighting many regional Parkinson's disease resources, and promoting exercises that help alleviate Parkinson's disease symptoms;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes the month of April 2018 as Parkinson's Awareness Month in Forsyth County.

Adopted this 26th day of April 2108.