

Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH APRIL 2026

- 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 estimated to affect approximately one million people in the United States and the prevalence will rise to 1.2 million by 2030; and
- WHEREAS,** Parkinson's disease is the fastest growing neurodegenerative disease with 90,000 new people diagnosed each year in the United States; 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,** the fastest growing subset of Parkinson's disease diagnoses is in people under the age of 50, known as young- or early-onset Parkinson's disease; 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, care partners, and medical professionals are working to improve the quality of life of persons living with Parkinson's disease and their families; 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, provide access to quality care to those living with the disease today and advance efforts toward a cure.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, **STEPHEN DALINA**, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, do hereby proclaim the month of **April 2026** as **PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH** in the Township of Monroe.

Dated: April 1, 2026


STEPHEN DALINA, MAYOR