MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Parkinson’s Disease is a chronic, progressive neurological disorder that affects at least one million Americans; and

WHEREAS, Parkinson’s affects not only the patient, but also the patient’s spouse, family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, Parkinson’s is defined by motor symptoms, including tremor in the hands, feet, arms, legs, jaw and face, slowness of movement, stiffness of the limbs and trunk, and impaired balance, which lead to difficulty with walking, talking and completing other simple tasks; and

WHEREAS, Parkinson’s includes myriad non-motor symptoms, including depression, anxiety, impaired cognition and more; and

WHEREAS, each individual’s Parkinson’s symptoms and progression are unique to that patient; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no cure for Parkinson’s; research continues into the causes, treatment options and possible cure; and

WHEREAS, there are programs and services available to help improve the quality of life for people affected by Parkinson’s and ensure that it is possible for people with Parkinson’s to live well today.

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I, Seth Fleetwood, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim the month of April 2020 as

BELLINGHAM PARKINSON’S AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Bellingham and encourage all to work together to raise awareness and understanding of Parkinson’s Disease.

Signed this 9th day of March, 2020

Seth Fleetwood, Mayor
City of Bellingham