



# City of Framingham

## Proclamation

April 1, 2025

### Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month

**WHEREAS:** Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive disorder of the nervous system that affects movement for which there is currently no cure; and

**WHEREAS:** More than one million people in the United States are currently living with Parkinson's disease with an additional 90,000 new cases diagnosed each year; and

**WHEREAS:** Increased awareness and efforts are desperately needed to help expedite more effective treatments, medications, and ultimately a cure, as well as enhanced community support services for those impacted by Parkinson's disease to improve their quality of life; and

**WHEREAS:** The City of Framingham recognizes the efforts of the American Parkinson Disease Association (APDA) Massachusetts Chapter to provide the support, education, and research that help everyone impacted by Parkinson's disease live life to the fullest; and

**WHEREAS:** The Massachusetts Chapter of the APDA has a strong partnership with the Callahan Center/Council on Aging for Parkinson's programming, the MetroWest YMCA Parkinson's Wellness programs, and other community partners; and

**WHEREAS:** On Sunday May 18, 2025, the 39<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Annual Optimism Walk will be hosted at Bowditch Field

**WHEREAS:** The world, the nation, and The City of Framingham observe Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month in April 2025, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED,** We, City of Framingham Mayor Charlie Sisitsky and the City Council, hereby proclaim April 2025 is Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month in the City of Framingham, Massachusetts.

Charlie Sisitsky, Mayor

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Attested to by:

Lisa Antonio Ferguson, City Clerk  
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