



# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** Parkinson's disease is a neurodegenerative disorder that affects nearly one million Americans and 10 million people worldwide. Approximately 60,000 Americans are diagnosed with the disease each year; and

**WHEREAS:** Symptoms often develop slowly and may include tremors, bradykinesia (slowness of movement), limb rigidity, and gait and balance problems, although experiences vary for each patient; and

**WHEREAS:** While research continues in the search for a cure, treatments for Parkinson's include medications, therapies and surgeries that seek to address symptoms and improve quality of life. The disorder itself is not fatal, but its complications can be life-threatening; and

**WHEREAS:** For over 60 years, the national nonprofit Parkinson's Foundation has been dedicated to raising awareness, improving care and advancing research toward a cure; and

**WHEREAS:** To support this mission, the foundation launched a nationwide signature walk event in 2011, called Moving Day. Since its inaugural year, more than 116,000 participants have raised more than \$17 million to fund the research and support services the foundation provides; and

**WHEREAS:** Moving Day highlights movement and exercise, which are essential in the treatment of Parkinson's disease. Each event features a family-friendly walk course, a kids' area, a caregivers' relaxation tent and a special Movement Pavilion with yoga, dance, Tai Chi, Pilates and other activities that promote movement and exercise as symbols of hope and progress; and

**WHEREAS:** Moving Day hosts its first Jacksonville event on Saturday, November 10, at the University of North Florida, joining the now more than 400 cities nationwide taking part in this inspirational event.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim November 10, 2018 as

## **PARKINSON'S FOUNDATION MOVING DAY JACKSONVILLE**

and encourage all citizens to support efforts to raise awareness and funding to research a cure for this disease.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 1st day of November  
in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA