PROCLAMATION

World Parkinson's Month – April 2026

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a progressive neurological disorder that affects nearly one hundred thousand people in Canada, and more than ten million people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease impacts movement, balance, and coordination, and may also cause non-motor symptoms that affect speech, cognition, and overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS, while there is currently no cure for Parkinson's disease, ongoing research has led to improved treatments and therapies that enhance quality of life, and hope for better outcomes in the future; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis, access to medical care, supportive services, and community awareness are critical to improving the lives of those living with Parkinson's disease; and

WHEREAS, caregivers, family members, healthcare professionals, researchers, and advocacy organizations play an essential role in supporting individuals affected by Parkinson's disease; and

WHEREAS, April is recognized globally as World Parkinson's Month, with April 11 observed as World Parkinson's Day, providing an opportunity to raise awareness, promote education, and encourage community support;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Brad Richards, do hereby proclaim the month of April as **WORLD PARKINSON'S MONTH,** and April 11th as **WORLD PARKINSON'S DAY,** in the Town of Pouch Cove and encourage all residents, schools, businesses, and community organizations to increase awareness of Parkinson's disease, support those affected, recognize the importance of research efforts, and participate in activities that promote understanding and hope for a cure.

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF POUCH COVE INCORPORATED 1970

Mayor Brad Richards

Feb. 24 / 2026

Dated