



**PROCLAMATION
PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a progressive disorder of the central nervous system, affecting more than one and a half million people in the United States. Approximately 40,000 new patients will be diagnosed this year, with 10-20% of them being under the age of 50. The State of Nebraska ranks the fourth highest state for the disease in the nation; and

WHEREAS, The American Parkinson Disease Association, Inc., founded in 1961, has sought to "Ease the Burden and Find the Cure" for this disease through research, patient and family services, education, and sponsorship of 63 Chapters, 57 Information and Referral Centers, and 800 support groups throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the world, the nation, the state, and city of La Vista observe "Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month" in April 2008; and

WHEREAS, La Vista recognizes the efforts of the local Parkinson Support Group as well as the Nebraska Chapter and Information and Referral Center to raise funds and promote awareness to fight Parkinson's Disease, thereby improving the quality of life for those living with the disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas Kindig, Mayor of the City of La Vista, in recognition and in honor of those who work with the American Parkinson Disease Association, Inc. and their value to the residents of La Vista, do hereby proclaim April 2008 Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month in La Vista, Nebraska.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of La Vista to be affixed this 1st day of April, 2008.



Douglas Kindig, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela A. Buethe, CMC
City Clerk