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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive,
3 neurological disease and is the second most common
4 neurodegenerative disease in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is estimated to affect
6 approximately one million people in the United States, and the
7 prevalence will rise to 1.2 million by 2030; and

8 WHEREAS, Each year, 90,000 people in the United States are
9 newly diagnosed with Parkinson's disease; and

10 WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is the 14th leading cause of
11 death in the United States according to the Centers for
12 Disease Control and Prevention; and

13 WHEREAS, The economic burden of Parkinson's disease is
14 estimated to be at least \$52 billion annually, including
15 direct and indirect costs, which include treatment, social
16 security payments, and lost income to patients and family
17 members; and

18 WHEREAS, Research suggests the cause of Parkinson's
19 disease is a combination of genetic and environmental factors,
20 but the exact cause and progression of the disease is still

1 unknown; and

2 WHEREAS, There is no objective test or biomarker for
3 Parkinson's disease, and there is no cure or drug to slow or
4 halt the progression of the disease; and

5 WHEREAS, The symptoms of Parkinson's disease vary from
6 person to person and can include tremors, slowness of movement
7 and rigidity, difficulty with balance, swallowing, chewing,
8 and speaking, cognitive impairment and dementia, mood
9 disorders, and a variety of other non-motor symptoms; and

10 WHEREAS, Volunteers, researchers, caregivers, and medical
11 professionals are working to improve the quality of life of
12 persons living with Parkinson's disease and their families;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Increased research, education, and community
15 support services, such as those provided by the Parkinson's
16 Foundation and other organizations, are needed to find more
17 effective treatments and to provide access to quality care to
18 those living with the disease today; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we declare April of 2025 as Parkinson's Awareness Month in the

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1 State of Illinois.