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WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a progressive nervous system disorder that affects movement; symptoms start gradually, sometimes starting with a barely noticeable tremor in just one hand; additional symptoms may include slowed movement, rigid muscles, impaired posture and balance, loss of automatic movements, speech changes, and writing changes; and

- WHEREAS, The signs and symptoms of Parkinson's disease can be different for everyone; early signs may be mild and go unnoticed; and
- 11 WHEREAS, The cause of Parkinson's disease is unknown, and 12 therefore, proven ways to prevent the disease also remain a 13 mystery; and
- WHEREAS, Approximately 60,000 Americans are diagnosed with
  Parkinson's disease each year, and an estimated 7 to 10
  million people are living with the disease worldwide; and
- WHEREAS, Although Parkinson's disease cannot be cured,
  medications might significantly improve one's symptoms; early
  detection is key; therefore, be it
- 20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

- 1 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 2 we declare April 2021 as Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month
- 3 in the State of Illinois to bring attention to those battling
- 4 Parkinson's and to the importance of early detection and
- 5 treatments.