

1 A RESOLUTION designating April as Parkinson's Awareness Month.

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

4 WHEREAS, although there is inadequate data on the incidence and prevalence of
5 Parkinson's disease, the disease is estimated to affect between 500,000 and 1,000,000
6 individuals in the United States, with that number expected to more than double by 2040;
7 and

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

10 WHEREAS, millions of individuals in the United States are greatly impacted by
11 Parkinson's disease, including the caregivers, family members, and friends of individuals
12 living with Parkinson's disease; and

13 WHEREAS, research suggests that the cause of Parkinson's disease is a
14 combination of genetic and environmental factors, but the exact cause of the disease in
15 most individuals is still unknown; and

16 WHEREAS, as of January 2021, there is no objective test or biomarker with which
17 to diagnose Parkinson's disease; and

18 WHEREAS, there is no known cure or drug to slow or halt the progression of
19 Parkinson's disease, and available treatments are limited in their ability to address the
20 medical needs of patients and remain effective over time; and

21 WHEREAS, the symptoms of Parkinson's disease vary from person to person and
22 may include tremors, slowness of movement and rigidity, problems with gait and balance,
23 disturbances in speech and swallowing, cognitive impairment and dementia, mood
24 disorders, and a variety of other nonmotor symptoms; and

25 WHEREAS, volunteers, researchers, caregivers, and medical professionals are
26 working to improve the quality of life of individuals living with Parkinson's disease and
27 the families of those individuals; and

1 WHEREAS, increased research, education, and community support services are
2 needed to find more effective treatments and to provide access to quality care to
3 individuals living with Parkinson's disease;

4 NOW, THEREFORE,

5 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
6 *Kentucky:*

7 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby designates April as "Parkinson's Awareness
8 Month."

9 ➔Section 2. The Senate hereby supports the goals and ideals of Parkinson's
10 Awareness Month.

11 ➔Section 3. The Senate hereby supports research to find better treatments and a
12 cure for Parkinson's disease.

13 ➔Section 4. The Senate hereby recognizes the individuals living with Parkinson's
14 disease who participate in vital clinical trials to advance the knowledge of the disease.

15 ➔Section 5. The Senate hereby commends the dedication of the organizations,
16 volunteers, researchers, and millions of individuals across the United States who are
17 working to improve the quality of life of individuals living with Parkinson's disease and
18 the families of those individuals.

19 ➔Section 6. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
20 Resolution to Senator Mike Wilson.