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DELAWARE STATE SENATE  
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 136

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024 AS "PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE  
STATE OF THE DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease (PD) is a chronic and progressive disease that affects the nervous system and is  
2 the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, the symptoms of PD can include: tremors, slowed movement, rigid muscles, impaired posture and  
4 balance, loss of automatic movements, writing changes, and speech changes; and

5 WHEREAS, approximately 2,550 Delawareans have been diagnosed with PD according to the Parkinson's  
6 Foundation Prevalence Project in 2014; and

7 WHEREAS, there are more than 10 million people living with PD worldwide; and

8 WHEREAS, the cost of PD is estimated to be nearly \$52 billion each year in the United States and expected to rise  
9 to \$80 billion annually by 2037; and

10 WHEREAS, the average cost of medication is \$2,500 pp/year and surgery can cost up to \$100,000 per person; and

11 WHEREAS, the Parkinson's Foundation estimates that nearly one million people in the U.S. are living with PD,  
12 which is more than the combined number of people diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, and Lou  
13 Gehrig's disease (or Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis). This is expected to rise to 1.2 million by 2030; and

14 WHEREAS, the cause of PD is unknown and there is no current cure for the disease; and

15 WHEREAS, every April the Parkinson's Foundation works to raise awareness about the disease; and

16 WHEREAS, the Parkinson Foundation has invested more than \$425 million in PD research and clinical care since  
17 1957; and

18 WHEREAS, the campaign for the 2024 Parkinson's Disease Awareness month is "#ABCsofPD"; and

19 WHEREAS, the purpose of the campaign is to help people understand the complexity of Parkinson's Disease and  
20 recognize its symptoms.

21 NOW, THEREFORE:

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of  
23 Representatives concurring therein, that April 2024 is recognized as “Parkinson’s Disease Awareness Month” in the State  
24 of Delaware.

SYNOPSIS

This Resolution recognizes April 2024 as "Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month" in the State of Delaware.

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