

Date of Hearing: April 7, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 171 (Nazarian) – As Introduced March 30, 2022

SUBJECT: Parkinson's Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Declares the month of April 2022 as Parkinson's Awareness Month in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive neurological disease and is the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the United States. There are millions of Americans who are caregivers, family members, and friends greatly impacted by Parkinson's disease
- 2) Parkinson's disease is the 14th leading cause of death in the United States, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- 3) It is estimated that more than 1.6 million people in the United States will be impacted by Parkinson's disease by 2037, at an estimated economic burden of \$80 billion.
- 4) The symptoms of Parkinson's disease vary from person to person and can include tremors, slowness of movement and rigidity, gait and balance difficulty, speech and swallowing disturbances, cognitive impairment and dementia, mood disorders, and a variety of other nonmotor symptoms.
- 5) There is no known cure or drug to slow or halt the progression of the disease, and available treatments are limited in their ability to address patients' medical needs and remain effective over time.
- 6) Volunteers, researchers, caregivers, and medical professionals are working to improve the quality of life of people living with Parkinson's disease and their families. Increased research, education, and community support services are needed to find more effective treatments and to provide access to quality care to those living with the disease today.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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