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THIRD READING

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Bill No: ACR 160  
Author: Sharp-Collins (D), et al.  
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Vote: 21

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**SUBJECT:** Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month

**SOURCE:** Author

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**DIGEST:** This resolution proclaims the month of April 2026 as Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month in California.

**ANALYSIS:** 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.
- 2) The symptoms of Parkinson's disease vary from person to person and can include tremors, slowness of movement and rigidity, gait and balance difficulties, speech and swallowing disturbances, cognitive impairment and dementia, mood disorders, and a variety of other nonmotor symptoms.
- 3) Parkinson's disease is the fastest growing neurological disease in the United States. It is estimated that 90,000 individuals are diagnosed annually with Parkinson's disease in North America, 50% higher than research previously suggested.
- 4) 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.
- 5) 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.

- 6) Strengthening statewide capacity for research and innovation will help ensure that California remains at the forefront of efforts to better understand, prevent, and treat Parkinson's disease and related disorders.

This resolution proclaims the month of April 2026 as Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month in California.

**Related/Prior Legislation**

ACR 56 (Michelle Rodriguez, Resolution Chapter 67, Statutes of 2025)

SCR 43 (Archuleta, Resolution Chapter 79, Statutes of 2025)

**FISCAL EFFECT:** Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

**SUPPORT:** (Verified 4/21/26)

None received

**OPPOSITION:** (Verified 4/21/26)

None received

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