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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 2016, as Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in recognizing serious diseases by proclaiming official months to increase awareness of such critical concerns, which affect thousands of New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 2016, as Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Parkinson's Disease is a progressive neurological condition and movement disorder; and

WHEREAS, In the United States, 60,000 new cases of Parkinson's Disease are diagnosed each year, adding to the one million people who currently have Parkinson's Disease; and

WHEREAS, Great progress has been made in the battle against Parkinson's Disease yet there is still a new diagnosis every nine minutes; Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month is committed to fighting this debilitating disease by finding better ways to prevent, detect, provide effective treatment, and ultimately find a cure; and

WHEREAS, Parkinson's Disease is a significant health problem in the State of New York and throughout the United States; it strikes disproportionately more men, but also women, with the average age of onset being 60 years old; and

WHEREAS, The symptoms of Parkinson's Disease can vary from person to person; early signs may be subtle and can go unnoticed; diagnosis can be challenging as there is no diagnostic test or biological marker that confirms a diagnosis of Parkinson's; and

WHEREAS, People suffering with Parkinson's Disease can exhibit many

signs and symptoms including common motor symptoms including tremor, stiffness or rigidity of the muscles, and slowness of movement, as well as trouble with posture, balance, coordination, and walking; common non-motor symptoms include sleep problems, speech changes, anxiety, depression, and fatigue, among others; and

WHEREAS, While there is no cure for Parkinson's Disease, many different medications and surgical options are currently available for its treatment while researchers around the world relentlessly search for a cure; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 2016, as Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York.