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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, APRIL 8, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2013 as "Parkinson's Disease
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is believed to affect more than
4 one million people in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, The average age at onset is 60 years of age, but
6 some people are diagnosed at 40 years of age or younger; and

7 WHEREAS, The cause of Parkinson's disease remains unclear,
8 but scientists believe that environmental factors trigger the
9 disease in people with a genetic susceptibility; and

10 WHEREAS, Symptoms of Parkinson's disease vary from person to
11 person and include tremor, slowness, difficulty with balance,
12 swallowing, chewing and speaking, rigidity, cognitive problems,
13 dementia, mood disorders, such as depression and anxiety,
14 constipation, skin problems and sleep disruptions; and

15 WHEREAS, Medications mask some symptoms of Parkinson's
16 disease for a limited amount of time each day, often with dose-

1 limiting side effects; and

2 WHEREAS, Ultimately the medications and treatments lose their
3 effectiveness, generally after four to eight years, leaving the
4 person unable to move, speak or swallow; and

5 WHEREAS, There is no cure, therapy or drug to slow or halt
6 the progression of Parkinson's disease; and

7 WHEREAS, Increased education and research are needed to help
8 find more effective treatments with fewer side effects and,
9 ultimately, an effective treatment or cure for Parkinson's
10 disease; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of April 2013
12 as "Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.