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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010**

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**H O U S E   R E S O L U T I O N**

**PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2010, AS "PARKINSON'S DISEASE  
AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Ehrhardt, and Murphy

Date Introduced: April 13, 2010

Referred To: Placed on House Calendar

1           WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is the second most common neurodegenerative disease  
2 in the United States, second only to Alzheimer's disease; and

3           WHEREAS, Even though there is inadequate comprehensive data on the prevalence of  
4 Parkinson's disease, as of 2010, it is estimated that the disease affects over 1,000,000 people in  
5 the United States; and

6           WHEREAS, Although research suggests Parkinson's disease results from a combination  
7 of genetic and environmental factors, the exact cause and progression of the disease are still  
8 unknown; and

9           WHEREAS, There is no objective test for Parkinson's disease and the rate of  
10 misdiagnosis can be high; and

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

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

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

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RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations hereby proclaims April, 2010, to be “Parkinson’s Disease Awareness Month”; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the American Parkinson’s Disease Association, Inc.

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