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Supervisors Melgar; Mandelman, Sauter, Sherrill, Walton **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** 

Resolution recognizing April 2025 as Parkinson's Awareness Month in the City and County of San Francisco to raise awareness and support for those affected by

Parkinson's disease.

[Parkinson's Awareness Month - April 2025]

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a chronic, neurodegenerative disorder that predominantly affects the dopamine-producing neurons in specific areas of the brain and is the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the world after Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease now affects almost one million people in the United States and more than 10 million people across the world; and

WHEREAS, Almost 90,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with Parkinson's disease every year; and

WHEREAS, By 2030, it is expected that the number of people with Parkinson's disease in the United States will rise to 1.2 million; and

WHEREAS. The total cost of Parkinson's disease in the United States, including both direct and indirect costs, is almost \$52 billion a year; and

WHEREAS, Medications for treatment of Parkinson's disease cost an average of \$2,500 a year and therapeutic surgery can cost up to \$100,000 per patient; and

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease affects quality of life, putting an incredible strain on both those affected by the disease and their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Symptoms of Parkinson's disease include, but are not limited to, tremors (mainly in the hands), difficulty of fine motor skills, slowing of movement, limb stiffness, balance difficulties, loss of smell, and cognitive impairment; and

WHEREAS, Symptoms of Parkinson's disease can vary from person to person, thus making it critical that patients get an accurate diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, A specific lab or imaging test cannot diagnose Parkinson's Disease, making it essential for patients to know about existing diagnosis methods; and

WHEREAS, It is important to educate San Franciscans about the symptoms of Parkinson's disease and its diagnosis methods; and

WHEREAS, There is currently no cure for Parkinson's Disease, but there are treatments that may help ease symptoms; and

WHEREAS, Medical professionals, researchers, caregivers, and volunteers are working tirelessly to improve quality of life for people with Parkinson's disease and their families; and

WHEREAS, We need more research, education, and support services to discover better treatments and improve access to quality care for people living with Parkinson's disease; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the Month of April 2025 as Parkinson's Awareness Month and supports local efforts to advance research and to ensure equitable access to quality care for people impacted by Parkinson's disease.



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## Resolution

File Number: 250438 Date Passed: April 29, 2025

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April 29, 2025 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Walton

April 29, 2025 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Walton

File No. 250438

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on 4/29/2025 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned	05/09/2025
Daniel Lurie Mayor	Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo Date
Clerk of the Board