

1 [Parkinson's Awareness Month - April 2025]

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3 **Resolution recognizing April 2025 as Parkinson's Awareness Month in the City and**
4 **County of San Francisco to raise awareness and support for those affected by**
5 **Parkinson's disease.**
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7 WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a chronic, neurodegenerative disorder that
8 predominantly affects the dopamine-producing neurons in specific areas of the brain and is
9 the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the world after Alzheimer's disease;
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11 WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease now affects almost one million people in the United
12 States and more than 10 million people across the world; and

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

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

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

19 WHEREAS, Medications for treatment of Parkinson's disease cost an average of
20 \$2,500 a year and therapeutic surgery can cost up to \$100,000 per patient; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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