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**HR-45** (2015-2016)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2015–2016 REGULAR SESSION

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

**NO. 45**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Dababneh**

**March 30, 2016**

Relative to Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

HR 45, as introduced, Dababneh.

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive, neurological disease and is the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the United States; and

WHEREAS, There is inadequate data on the incidence and prevalence of Parkinson's disease, but it currently is estimated to affect 500,000 to 1,500,000 people in the United States and the prevalence will more than double by 2040; and

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is the 14th leading cause of death in the United States, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that the economic burden of Parkinson's disease is at least \$14.4 billion annually, including indirect costs to patients and family members of \$6.3 billion; and

WHEREAS, Research suggests the cause of Parkinson's disease is a combination of genetic and environmental factors, but the exact cause and progression of the disease is still unknown; and

WHEREAS, There is no objective test or biomarker for Parkinson's disease, and there is no cure or drug to slow or halt the progression of the disease; and

WHEREAS, The symptoms of Parkinson's disease vary from person to person and can include tremors, slowness of movement and rigidity, cognitive impairment and dementia, mood disorders, difficulty with balance, swallowing, chewing, and speaking, and a variety of other nonmotor symptoms; and

WHEREAS, Volunteers, researchers, caregivers, and medical professionals are working to improve the quality of life of persons living with Parkinson's disease and their families; and

WHEREAS, Increased research, education, and community support services are needed to find more effective treatments and to provide access to quality care to those living with the disease today; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the Assembly proclaims the month of April 2016 as Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month in California and urges all citizens to support the search for a cure and to assist those individuals and families who deal with this disabling disease on a daily basis; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.