

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 11, 2025, as Parkinson's Day in the State of New York

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to set aside official days established to increase awareness of serious health issues that affect the lives of New Yorkers; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 11, 2025, as Parkinson's Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of World Parkinson's Day; and

**WHEREAS,** Parkinson's disease is a progressive neurological disorder that affects millions of individuals worldwide, including thousands of New Yorkers, causing a wide range of debilitating symptoms that impact the ability to move, communicate, and perform basic daily activities; and

**WHEREAS,** As of 2025, it is estimated that more than 200,000 individuals in New York State live with Parkinson's disease, and that number continues to grow each year; and

**WHEREAS,** Parkinson's disease does not discriminate by age, race, gender, or socioeconomic status, but can affect people of all walks of life, and those living with the disease often face challenges that require medical care, family support, and community engagement; and

**WHEREAS,** April 11th is recognized as World Parkinson's Day, a day to raise awareness, promote understanding, and celebrate the resilience of individuals living with Parkinson's disease; and

**WHEREAS,** Acknowledging Parkinson's disease and raising public awareness is an essential part of reducing the stigma surrounding the condition, promoting research for better treatments, and supporting those affected by it, including their families and caregivers; and

**WHEREAS,** The State of New York joins Community Wellness Partners in committing to supporting those affected by Parkinson's disease and their families; and

**WHEREAS,** On April 11, 2025, World Parkinson's Day will unite the global Parkinson's community through the 'Spark the Night' campaign, a worldwide initiative dedicated to raising awareness for Parkinson's disease by lighting up buildings, bridges, and landmarks in blue; and

**WHEREAS,** Increased research, education, and community support services are crucial to improving the lives of people with Parkinson's and finding a cure; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 11, 2025, as Parkinson's Day in the State of New York; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York; and Community Wellness Partners.