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Senate Resolution No. 1696

BY: Senator BIAGGI

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim  
April 2022, as Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month  
in the State of New York

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in recognizing  
serious diseases by proclaiming official months to increase awareness of  
such concerns, which affect thousands of New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize  
Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 2022, as Parkinson's Disease  
Awareness Month in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Parkinson's Disease is a progressive disorder of the  
nervous system that affects movement; and

WHEREAS, In the United States, 50,000-60,000 new cases of  
Parkinson's Disease are diagnosed each year, adding to the one million  
people who currently have Parkinson's Disease; and

WHEREAS, Great strides have been made in the battle against  
Parkinson's Disease; Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month is committed to  
fighting this horrific disease by finding better ways to prevent,  
detect, and provide treatment; and

WHEREAS, Parkinson's Disease is a substantial health problem in the

State of New York and throughout the United States; it strikes disproportionately more men, but also women, with the average age of onset being around 60 years old; and

WHEREAS, The symptoms of Parkinson's Disease can vary from person to person; early signs may be subtle and can go unnoticed; symptoms typically begin on one side of the body and usually remain worse on that side even after symptoms begin to affect both sides; and

WHEREAS, People suffering with Parkinson's Disease can exhibit many signs and symptoms including tremors, rigidity, slowing of motions, postural instability, depression, emotional changes, difficulty with swallowing and chewing, speech changes, sleep problems, pain and dementia; and

WHEREAS, While there is no cure for Parkinson's Disease, many different types of medications and surgical options are available for its treatment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 2022, as Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York.