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Designating the week of April 8 through 14, 1984, as "Parkinson's Disease Awareness Week".

Whereas Parkinson's Disease is a progressive and as yet incurable neurological affliction that affects one out of every one hundred citizens over the age of sixty and whose cause is still unknown;
Whereas with improved methods of diagnosis, the onset of the disease is now being diagnosed as early as the age of forty and younger;
Whereas with earlier diagnosis and the aging of our entire population, more and more of our citizens will be afflicted with Parkinson's Disease;
Whereas it is important to educate the public about the need for research into the cause and cure of this disabling disorder; and
Whereas only public awareness of the terrible toll taken by this neurological affliction can spur Federal, State, and local government agencies, and the private sector to establish the programs necessary to find a cure, improve treatment, and help those afflicted and their families to cope with this disabling disease: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation designating the week of April 8 through 14, 1984, as "Parkinson's Disease Awareness Week", and to call upon Federal, State, and local government agencies, and the people of the United States to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Approved April 9, 1984.

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