

No. R-85. House concurrent resolution recognizing May 2025 as Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Awareness Month in Vermont.

(H.C.R.65)

Offered by Representatives Demar of Enosburgh, Berbeco of Winooski, Burditt of West Rutland, Critchlow of Colchester, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dolgin of St. Johnsbury, Galfetti of Barre Town, Gregoire of Fairfield, Labor of Morgan, Laroche of Franklin, Luneau of St. Albans City, Morgan, L. of Milton, Oliver of Sheldon, Page of Newport City, Powers of Waterford, Pritchard of Pawlet, Tagliavia of Corinth, Taylor of Milton, and Toof of St. Albans Town

Offered by Senator Ingalls

Whereas, according to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP) is a rare onset progressive neurological disorder that affects numerous essential physical and mental functions, and

Whereas, an estimated 20,000 Americans have been diagnosed with this disorder, and the specific symptoms are individually unique, and

Whereas, PSP's symptoms usually appear at 60 years of age or older, although in some cases earlier, and they can result in an individual becoming depressed, forgetful, and irritable and cause an individual to have sleeping challenges, and

Whereas, individuals with PSP can experience severe quality-of-life issues, and contracting this disorder can necessitate complex care requirements that negatively impact family relationships and the lives of caregivers, and

Whereas, although outwardly similar to Parkinson's disease, PSP is a distinct disorder that is part of the group of disorders known collectively as atypical parkinsonism, and

Whereas, at present, there is neither a cure nor even a modifying treatment, and although some symptoms may be managed with medication and care, the lack of understanding about the disease has often led to misdiagnosis, and this lack of medical knowledge hinders both intervention efforts and clinical trials, and

Whereas, the recognition of May 2025 as Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Awareness Month will create greater public and health care community awareness of PSP, highlight the continuing effort to find a cure, and provide comfort to the families whose lives have been drastically altered, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes May 2025 as Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Awareness Month in Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to CurePSP in New York City and to the Vermont Medical Society.