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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO DESIGNATE MAY 5-11, 2024 AS "TARDIVE DYSKINESIA
9 AWARENESS WEEK".

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12 **Subtitle**

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14 DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK".

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17 WHEREAS, many people living with serious mental illnesses or
18 gastrointestinal disorders may be treated with medications that work as
19 dopamine receptor blocking agents, including antipsychotics and antiemetics;
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22 WHEREAS, while ongoing treatment with these medications can be
23 necessary, prolonged use is associated with tardive dyskinesia (TD), an
24 involuntary movement disorder that is characterized by uncontrollable,
25 abnormal, and repetitive movements of the face, torso, limbs, and fingers or
26 toes; and

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28 WHEREAS, even mild symptoms of tardive dyskinesia (TD) can impact
29 people physically, socially, and emotionally; and

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31 WHEREAS, it is estimated that tardive dyskinesia (TD) affects
32 approximately six hundred thousand (600,000) people in the United States and
33 approximately sixty-five percent (65%) of people with tardive dyskinesia (TD)
34 have not been diagnosed, making it important to raise awareness about the
35 symptoms of tardive dyskinesia (TD); and



1 WHEREAS, it is important that people taking medicines that work as
2 dopamine receptor blocking agents be monitored for tardive dyskinesia (TD) by
3 a healthcare provider as recommended by the American Psychiatric Association;
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6 WHEREAS, clinical research has led to the approval of certain
7 treatments for adults with tardive dyskinesia (TD) by the U.S. Food and Drug
8 Administration; and

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10 WHEREAS, recognition and treatment of tardive dyskinesia (TD) can make
11 a positive impact in the lives of many people experiencing this side effect
12 from taking medications that work as dopamine receptor blocking agents; and
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14 WHEREAS, the General Assembly can raise awareness of tardive
15 dyskinesia (TD) among the public and medical community,

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17 NOW THEREFORE,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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21 THAT the House of Representatives:

22 (1) designate May 5-11, 2024 as "Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week";
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24 (2) encourage anyone experiencing uncontrollable, abnormal, and
25 repetitive movements to consult their healthcare provider regarding their
26 symptoms.