

House Resolution

A resolution recognizing the week of May 5-11, 2024,
 as "Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week" in Florida.

WHEREAS, many people living with a serious mental illness,
 such as bipolar disorder, depression, schizophrenia, or
 schizoaffective disorder, or with a gastrointestinal disorder
 like gastroparesis or symptoms of nausea and vomiting, may be
 treated with medications that work as dopamine receptor blocking
 agents, including antipsychotics and antiemetics, and

WHEREAS, while ongoing treatment with these medications may
 be necessary, prolonged use is associated with tardive
 dyskinesia (TD), and

WHEREAS, TD is an involuntary movement disorder
 characterized by uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive
 movements of the face, torso, and extremities, and

WHEREAS, even mild symptoms of TD can impact people
 physically, socially, and emotionally, and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that TD affects approximately
 600,000 people in the United States, and nearly 70 percent of
 people with TD have not been diagnosed, making it beneficial to
 raise awareness about the symptoms, and

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the American Psychiatric
 Association that people taking these medications be monitored
 and regularly screened for TD by a health care provider, and

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26 WHEREAS, the approval of two treatments for TD by the U.S.
27 Food and Drug Administration, and the acknowledgement of TD can
28 make a positive impact on the lives of many people experiencing
29 serious mental illness or gastrointestinal disorders, and

30 WHEREAS, raising awareness of TD among the public and the
31 medical community may encourage those experiencing
32 uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements to consult
33 their health care provider regarding their symptoms, NOW,
34 THEREFORE,

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36 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
37 Florida:

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39 That the week of May 5-11, 2024, is recognized as "Tardive
40 Dyskinesia Awareness Week" in Florida.