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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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KAZEEM, KHAN, KINSEY, MADDEN, ROZZI, SANCHEZ, SCHWEYER AND  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, APRIL 17, 2023

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of May 1 through 7, 2023, as "Tardive  
2 Dyskinesia Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Many people with serious mental health conditions,  
4 such as bipolar disorder, major depression, schizophrenia and  
5 schizoaffective disorder, or gastrointestinal disorders,  
6 including gastroparesis, nausea and vomiting, may be treated  
7 with medications that work as dopamine receptor blocking agents  
8 (DRBAs), including antipsychotics; and

9 WHEREAS, While ongoing treatment with these medications can  
10 be necessary, prolonged use can also lead to tardive dyskinesia  
11 (TD), an involuntary movement disorder that is characterized by  
12 uncontrollable, abnormal and repetitive movements of the face,  
13 torso and other body parts; and

14 WHEREAS, It is estimated that TD affects approximately  
15 600,000 people in the United States and approximately 70% of  
16 people with TD have not been diagnosed, making it important to  
17 raise awareness about the symptoms and impact of TD because even

1 mild symptoms of TD can have physical, social and emotional  
2 consequences; and

3 WHEREAS, It is important that people taking DRBA medication  
4 be monitored for TD and the American Psychiatric Association  
5 recommends regular screenings for TD in these patients; and

6 WHEREAS, Clinical research has led to the availability of two  
7 treatments for adults with TD approved by the United States Food  
8 and Drug Administration; and

9 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives wants to raise  
10 awareness of TD in the public and medical community; therefore  
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
13 week of May 1 through 7, 2023, as "Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness  
14 Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage people  
16 in the United States to become better informed about and aware  
17 of Tardive Dyskinesia.