

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, FEBRUARY 5, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of May 5 through 11, 2024, as "Tardive  
2 Dyskinesia Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

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

10 WHEREAS, While ongoing treatment with these medications can  
11 be necessary, prolonged use is associated with tardive  
12 dyskinesia (TD), an involuntary movement disorder that is  
13 characterized by uncontrollable, abnormal and repetitive  
14 movements of the face, torso, limbs, fingers or toes; and

15 WHEREAS, Even mild symptoms of TD can impact people  
16 physically, socially and emotionally; and

17 WHEREAS, It is estimated that TD affects approximately  
18 600,000 people in the United States and approximately 65% of

1 people with TD have not been diagnosed, making it important to  
2 raise awareness about the symptoms; and

3 WHEREAS, It is important that people taking DRBA medication  
4 be monitored for TD by a health care provider; and

5 WHEREAS, The American Psychiatric Association recommends  
6 regular screenings for TD; and

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

10 WHEREAS, Recognition and treatment of TD can make a positive  
11 impact in the lives of many people experiencing psychotic and  
12 mood disorders; and

13 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives wants to raise  
14 awareness of TD among the public and medical community;  
15 therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
17 week of May 5 through 11, 2024, as "Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness  
18 Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage people  
20 in this Commonwealth and across the United States to become  
21 better informed about and aware of tardive dyskinesia.