

1 A RESOLUTION declaring the first full week in May each year as Tardive
2 Dyskinesia Awareness Week in the Commonwealth.

3 WHEREAS, Tardive Dyskinesia (TD) is a condition of involuntary muscle
4 movements of the face, trunk, and extremities that can vary in frequency and amplitude;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, TD is a condition that may occur with certain medications used to treat
7 mental illness. TD results from treatment with dopamine receptor blocking agents used
8 for both psychiatric and nonpsychiatric conditions, and can persist even after
9 discontinuing treatment; and

10 WHEREAS, research done by The Citizens Commission on Human Rights shows
11 that more than 12 million Americans take antipsychotics and that more than 500,000 of
12 those patients may have TD; and

13 WHEREAS, anyone taking an antipsychotic medication may develop TD, but
14 people who are elderly, female, diabetic, or have a mental illness are at a greater risk of
15 developing TD;

16 NOW, THEREFORE,

17 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
18 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

19 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby declares the first full week of
20 May each year as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week in the Commonwealth.

21 ➔Section 2. The House of Representatives believes that it is in the interest of the
22 Commonwealth to increase public awareness of Tardive Dyskinesia, a neurological
23 disorder that is characterized by repetitive, involuntary muscle movements and may occur
24 as a side effect of long-term use of antipsychotic and other medications.