

House Concurrent Resolution No. 31

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PATTERSON.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

Relating to "Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week".

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

1 **WHEREAS**, many peoples with serious, chronic mental illness, such as schizophrenia,
2 bipolar disorder, severe depression, or gastrointestinal disorders including gastroparesis, nausea,
3 and vomiting require treatment with medications that work as dopamine receptor blocking agents
4 (DRBAs), including antipsychotics; and
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6 **WHEREAS**, while ongoing treatment with these medications can be very helpful, and
7 even lifesaving, for many people it can also lead to Tardive Dyskinesia (TD); and
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9 **WHEREAS**, Tardive Dyskinesia is a movement disorder that is characterized by
10 random, involuntary, and uncontrolled movements of different muscles in the face, trunk, and
11 extremities; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, Tardive Dyskinesia can develop months, years, or decades after a person
14 starts taking DRBAs and even after they have discontinued use of those medications. Not
15 everyone who takes a DRBA develops TD, but if it develops it is often permanent; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, it is estimated that over 500,000 Americans suffer from Tardive
18 Dyskinesia. According to the National Alliance for Mental Illness, one in every four patients
19 receiving long-term treatment with an antipsychotic medication will experience Tardive
20 Dyskinesia; and
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22 **WHEREAS**, years of difficult and challenging research have resulted in recent scientific
23 breakthroughs, with two new treatments for Tardive Dyskinesia approved by the United States
24 Food and Drug Administration; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, Tardive Dyskinesia is often unrecognized and patients suffering from the
27 illness are commonly misdiagnosed. Regular screening for TD in patients taking DRBA
28 medications is recommended by the American Psychiatric Association (APA); and

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30 **WHEREAS**, the House can raise awareness of Tardive Dyskinesia in the public and
31 medical community:

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33 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
34 Representatives of the One Hundred First General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
35 concurring therein, hereby designate the week of May 2, 2021, as "Tardive Dyskinesia
36 Awareness Week" and encourage the citizens of this state to educate themselves about Tardive
37 Dyskinesia.

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39 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be sent to the Governor for his
40 approval or rejection pursuant to the Missouri Constitution.

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