

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, MAY 1, 2025

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of May 4 through 10, 2025, 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
18 800,000 people in the United States and approximately 60% of

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the week of May 4 through 10, 2025, as "Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

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