

By Senator Rodriguez

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing May 1-7, 2023, as "Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week" in Florida and encouraging all Floridians to become better informed about tardive dyskinesia.

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

WHEREAS, while ongoing treatment with these medications can be necessary, prolonged use can lead to tardive dyskinesia (TD), an involuntary movement disorder characterized by uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements of the face, torso, and other body parts, and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that TD affects approximately 600,000 people nationwide, and it is believed that about 70 percent of people who have TD have not yet been diagnosed, and

WHEREAS, it is important to raise awareness about the symptoms and impact of TD, because even mild symptoms can have significant physical, social, and emotional consequences, and

WHEREAS, the American Psychiatric Association recommends that those taking DRBA medication be monitored for TD through regular screenings, and

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

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30 WHEREAS, the National Organization for Tardive Dyskinesia
31 is headquartered in Florida and uses its website, TDHelp.org, to
32 provide resources for individuals living with TD in this state
33 and around the world, NOW, THEREFORE,

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35 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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37 That May 1-7, 2023, is recognized as "Tardive Dyskinesia
38 Awareness Week" in Florida, and all Floridians are encouraged to
39 become better informed about tardive dyskinesia.