

By Senator Rodriguez

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the week of May 5, 2024, as "Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week" in Florida and encouraging those experiencing uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements to consult their health care provider regarding their symptoms.

WHEREAS, many people living with a serious mental illness, such as bipolar disorder, major depressive disorder, schizophrenia, or schizoaffective disorder, or with a gastrointestinal disorder like gastroparesis or symptoms like nausea and vomiting, may be treated with medications that work as dopamine receptor blocking agents, including antipsychotics and antiemetics, and

WHEREAS, while ongoing treatment with these medications can be necessary, prolonged use is associated with tardive dyskinesia (TD), and

WHEREAS, TD is an involuntary movement disorder characterized by uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements of the face, torso, limbs, and fingers or toes, and

WHEREAS, even mild symptoms of TD can impact people physically, socially, and emotionally, and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that TD affects approximately 600,000 people in the United States, and approximately 65 percent 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 these medications be monitored for TD by a health care provider, with regular screening for TD recommended by the American Psychiatric

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30 Association, and

31 WHEREAS, clinical research has led to approval of
32 treatments for adults with TD by the U.S. Food and Drug
33 Administration, and recognition and treatment of TD can make a
34 positive impact on the lives of many people experiencing serious
35 mental illness or gastrointestinal disorders, and

36 WHEREAS, it is important to raise awareness of TD among the
37 public and the medical community, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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41 That the week of May 5, 2024, is recognized as "Tardive
42 Dyskinesia Awareness Week" in Florida, and those experiencing
43 uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements are
44 encouraged to consult their health care provider regarding their
45 symptoms.