

By Senator Rodriguez

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the week of May 3, 2026 as "Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week" in Florida and expressing the Senate's support of efforts to raise awareness about the causes, symptoms, and importance of routine screening for tardive dyskinesia.

WHEREAS, such serious mental illnesses as bipolar disorder, major depressive disorder, and schizophrenia often require treatment with antipsychotic medications for effective management, and antipsychotic prescribing rates continue to rise, and

WHEREAS, while prolonged antipsychotic use may be essential for the treatment of certain conditions, it is associated with tardive dyskinesia (TD), a condition marked by uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements of the face, torso, limbs, or extremities, and

WHEREAS, people at higher risk of TD include those older than 55 years of age; black individuals; women; individuals with mood or substance use disorders, intellectual disabilities, or central nervous system injuries; and those with high cumulative antipsychotic exposure, and

WHEREAS, approximately 60 percent of the estimated 800,000 U.S. adults living with TD remain undiagnosed, and even mild TD symptoms can be stigmatizing and impair physical, social, and emotional well-being, underscoring the urgency of early screening, detection, and intervention, and

WHEREAS, the American Psychiatric Association recommends routine TD screening in its clinical guidelines for

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antipsychotic treatment, and individuals treated with  
antipsychotics or experiencing abnormal movements should consult  
their health care providers to assess TD risk, receive TD  
screenings, and determine appropriate treatment, and

WHEREAS, treatments approved by the United States Food and  
Drug Administration for TD can provide options for symptom  
management and improved quality of life for many individuals  
living with TD, and

WHEREAS, education and awareness for health care providers,  
patients, and care partners can help ensure patients prescribed  
antipsychotics receive care and support that aligns with  
clinical best practices, including regular TD screenings, NOW,  
THEREFORE,

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

That the week of May 3, 2026 is recognized as "Tardive  
Dyskinesia Awareness Week" in Florida, and that the Senate  
expresses its support of efforts to raise awareness about the  
causes, symptoms, and importance of routine screening for  
tardive dyskinesia.