
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, APRIL 27, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of May 3 through 9, 2020, as "Tardive
2 Dyskinesia Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Tardive dyskinesia is a condition of involuntary
4 muscle movements of the face, trunk and extremities that can
5 vary in frequency and amplitude; and

6 WHEREAS, Tardive dyskinesia is a condition that may occur
7 with certain medications used to treat mental illness, may
8 result from treatment with dopamine receptor blocking agents
9 used for both psychiatric and nonpsychiatric conditions and can
10 persist even after discontinuing those treatments; and

11 WHEREAS, It is estimated that more than 500,000 Americans
12 suffer from tardive dyskinesia; and

13 WHEREAS, According to the National Alliance on Mental
14 Illness, one in every four patients receiving long-term
15 treatment with antipsychotic medication will experience tardive
16 dyskinesia; and

17 WHEREAS, Anyone taking antipsychotic medication may develop

1 the condition, but people who are elderly, female, diabetic or
2 have a mental illness are at a greater risk; and

3 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives believes that it is in
4 the interest of Pennsylvania to increase public awareness of
5 tardive dyskinesia, a neurological disorder that is
6 characterized by repetitive, involuntary muscle movements and
7 may occur as a side effect of long-term use of antipsychotic and
8 other medications; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
10 week of May 3 through 9, 2020, as "Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness
11 Week" in Pennsylvania.