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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY SCHROEDER, BERNSTINE, BURNS, CALTAGIRONE,  
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MILLARD, NEILSON, OBERLANDER, PICKETT, READSHAW, RYAN, SONNEY  
AND TOPPER, APRIL 29, 2019

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 29, 2019

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of May 5 through 11, 2019, 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, Research done by The Citizens Commission on Human  
12 Rights shows that more than 12,000,000 Americans take  
13 antipsychotics and more than 500,000 of those patients may have  
14 Tardive Dyskinesia; and

15 WHEREAS, Anyone taking antipsychotic medication may develop  
16 the condition, but people who are elderly, female, diabetic or

1 have a mental illness are at a greater risk; and

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

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
9 week of May 5 through 11, 2019, as "Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness  
10 Week" in Pennsylvania.