

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 117

Senators McDonald Rivet, Huizenga and Santana offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to designate May 5-11, 2024, as Tardive
2 Dyskinesia Awareness Week.

3 Whereas, Many people with serious mental illnesses, such as
4 bipolar disorder, major depressive disorder, schizophrenia and
5 other schizoaffective disorders, or gastrointestinal disorders
6 (gastroparesis, upset stomach, nausea, and vomiting) may be treated
7 with medications that work as dopamine receptor blocking agents,
8 including antipsychotics and antiemetics; and

9 Whereas, While ongoing treatment with these medications can be
10 necessary, prolonged use is associated with tardive dyskinesia
11 (TD), an involuntary movement disorder that is characterized by

1 uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements of the face,
2 torso, limbs, fingers, or toes; and

3 Whereas, Even mild symptoms of TD can impact people
4 physically, socially, and emotionally; and

5 Whereas, It is estimated that TD affects 600,000 people in the
6 United States, and approximately 65 percent of people with TD have
7 not been diagnosed, making it important to raise awareness about
8 the symptoms; and

9 Whereas, It is essential that people taking these medications
10 be monitored for TD by a healthcare provider. Regular screening for
11 TD is recommended by the American Psychiatric Association; and

12 Whereas, Clinical research has led to approval of treatments
13 for adults with TD by the United States Food and Drug
14 Administration, and recognition and treatment of TD can make a
15 positive impact in the lives of many people experiencing psychotic
16 and mood disorders; and

17 Whereas, We take this time to raise awareness and
18 understanding of TD among the public and medical community; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
21 body designate May 5-11, 2024, as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness
22 Week; and be it further

23 Resolved, That we encourage anyone experiencing
24 uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements to consult their
25 healthcare provider regarding their symptoms.