

By Senator Harrell

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing May 5-11, 2019, and the first full week in May each year thereafter, as "Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week" in Florida.

WHEREAS, tardive dyskinesia is a condition of involuntary muscle movements of the face, trunk, and extremities which can vary in frequency and severity, and

WHEREAS, tardive dyskinesia is a condition that may occur as a result of treatment using dopamine receptor blocking agents for both psychiatric and nonpsychiatric conditions, and may persist even after treatment is discontinued, and

WHEREAS, research conducted by the Citizens Commission on Human Rights shows that more than 12 million Americans take antipsychotic medications and that more than 500,000 of such Americans may have tardive dyskinesia, and

WHEREAS, anyone taking an antipsychotic medication may develop tardive dyskinesia, but people who are elderly, female, diabetic or who have a mental illness are at a greater risk of developing symptoms, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of all Floridians that public awareness of tardive dyskinesia be increased, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That May 5-11, 2019, and the first full week in May each year thereafter, is recognized as "Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week" in Florida.