

House Resolution

A resolution recognizing the week of May 1-7, 2023, as
 "Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week" in Florida.

WHEREAS, many people with serious mental health conditions
 such as bipolar disorder, severe depression, and schizophrenia
 and other schizoaffective disorders require treatment with
 medications that work as dopamine receptor blocking agents, and

WHEREAS, these medications are also used to manage
 gastrointestinal disorders, such as gastroparesis, which often
 have debilitating symptoms, including nausea and vomiting, and

WHEREAS, while ongoing treatment with dopamine receptor
 blocking agents may be necessary, the prolonged use of these
 medications may lead to tardive dyskinesia, an involuntary
 movement disorder characterized by uncontrollable, abnormal, and
 repetitive movements of the face, torso, and other body parts,
 which can leave significant and lasting physical, social, and
 psychological impacts on those affected, and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than 600,000 people in
 the United States suffer from tardive dyskinesia and
 approximately 70 percent of people with the disorder have not
 been diagnosed, and the American Psychiatric Association
 recommends regular screening for this side effect for patients
 taking dopamine receptor blocking agents, and

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25 WHEREAS, the National Organization for Tardive Dyskinesia
26 is headquartered in Florida and, through its website,
27 TDhelp.org, provides numerous resources for people living with
28 this disorder in the state and around the world, and

29 WHEREAS, two new treatments for the disorder have been
30 approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, and
31 raising awareness about tardive dyskinesia and the need for
32 monitoring and regular screening for people taking dopamine
33 receptor blocking agents can help individuals at risk for the
34 disease, NOW, THEREFORE,

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36 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
37 Florida:

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39 That the week of May 1-7, 2023, is recognized as "Tardive
40 Dyskinesia Awareness Week" in Florida and Floridians are
41 encouraged to become better informed about tardive dyskinesia.