

By Senator Rodriguez

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the week of May 4, 2025, as "Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week" in Florida, and encouraging individuals who are experiencing uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements to consult their health care provider regarding their symptoms.

WHEREAS, people living with a serious mental illness, such as bipolar disorder, major depressive disorder, schizophrenia, or schizoaffective disorder, often require treatment with antipsychotics for effective symptom management, and

WHEREAS, while prolonged use of antipsychotics may be essential, they are associated with tardive dyskinesia (TD), a condition marked by uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements of the face, torso, limbs, or fingers and toes, and

WHEREAS, even mild TD symptoms can be stigmatizing and impair physical, social, and emotional well-being, underscoring the urgency of early screening, detection, and intervention, and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that TD affects over 800,000 adults in the United States and that approximately 60 percent of people with TD remain undiagnosed, making it important to raise awareness about the symptoms, and

WHEREAS, the American Psychiatric Association, in its clinical guidelines for antipsychotic treatment, recommends routine TD screening for individuals who are being treated with antipsychotics or experiencing abnormal movements and that such individuals should consult their health care providers to assess TD risk, receive TD screenings, and determine appropriate

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30 treatment, and

31 WHEREAS, treatments for TD approved by the United States
32 Food and Drug Administration can help manage symptoms and
33 improve quality of life for many individuals living with TD, and

34 WHEREAS, it is important to raise awareness of TD among the
35 public and the medical community to ensure that patients who are
36 prescribed antipsychotics receive care and support that align
37 with clinical best practices, including regular screenings, NOW,
38 THEREFORE,

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

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42 That the week of May 4, 2025, is recognized as "Tardive
43 Dyskinesia Awareness Week" in Florida, and that individuals
44 experiencing uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements
45 are encouraged to consult their health care provider regarding
46 their symptoms.