

# SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 117

Senator McDonald Rivet 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  
12 uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements of the face,

1 torso, limbs, fingers, or toes; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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