

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 30

Senators Santana, Geiss and McMorrow offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to designate May 4-10, 2025, as Tardive
2 Dyskinesia Awareness Week.

3 Whereas, Serious mental illnesses such as bipolar disorder,
4 major depressive disorders, and schizophrenia require treatment
5 with antipsychotic medications for effective management, while
6 antipsychotic prescribing rates continue to rise; and

7 Whereas, While prolonged antipsychotic use may be essential
8 for the treatment of certain conditions, it is often associated
9 with tardive dyskinesia (TD), a condition marked by uncontrollable,
10 abnormal, and repetitive movements of the face, torso, limbs, or
11 extremities; and

12 Whereas, Those at a higher risk of TD include individuals
13 older than 55, Black individuals, women, individuals with mood or

1 substance use disorders, intellectual disabilities, or central
2 nervous system injuries, and those with high cumulative
3 antipsychotic exposure; and

4 Whereas, Approximately 60 percent of the estimated 800,000
5 American adults living with TD remain undiagnosed; and

6 Whereas, Even mild TD symptoms can be stigmatizing and impair
7 physical, social, and emotional well-being, underscoring the
8 urgency of early screening, detection, and intervention; and

9 Whereas, The American Psychiatric Association recommends
10 routine TD screening in their clinical guidelines for antipsychotic
11 treatment. Individuals treated with antipsychotics or experiencing
12 abnormal movements should consult their healthcare providers to
13 assess TD risk, receive TD screenings, and determine appropriate
14 treatment together; and

15 Whereas, FDA-approved treatments for TD can provide options
16 for symptom management and improved quality of life for many
17 individuals living with TD; and

18 Whereas, We encourage TD screening education and awareness for
19 health care providers, patients, and care partners to help ensure
20 patients prescribed antipsychotics receive care and support that
21 aligns with clinical best practices, including regular TD
22 screenings; now, therefore, be it

23 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
24 body designate May 4-10, 2025, as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness
25 Week; and be it further

26 Resolved, That we encourage anyone experiencing
27 uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements to consult their
28 healthcare provider regarding their symptoms.