

MICHIGAN SENATE

Senate Resolution No. 30

Offered by Senators Santana, Geiss and McMorrow

A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE MAY 4-10, 2025, AS
TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK

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

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

WHEREAS, Those at a higher risk of TD include individuals older than 55, Black individuals, women, individuals with mood or substance use disorders, intellectual disabilities, or central nervous system injuries, and those with high cumulative antipsychotic exposure; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 60 percent of the estimated 800,000 American adults living with TD remain undiagnosed; 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, The American Psychiatric Association recommends routine TD screening in their clinical guidelines for antipsychotic treatment. Individuals treated with antipsychotics or experiencing abnormal movements should consult their healthcare providers to assess TD risk, receive TD screenings, and determine appropriate treatment together; and

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

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

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the members of this legislative body designate May 4-10, 2025, as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage anyone experiencing uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements to consult their healthcare provider regarding their symptoms.

Adopted by the Senate, April 22, 2025.



Secretary of the Senate