

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 30

Senator Santana 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
14 substance use disorders, intellectual disabilities, or central

1 nervous system injuries, and those with high cumulative
2 antipsychotic exposure; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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