



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

A PROCLAMATION

TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Many people with serious mental health conditions may be treated with medications that work as dopamine receptor blocking agents (DRBAs), including antipsychotics; and
- WHEREAS:** While ongoing treatment with these medications can be necessary, prolonged use can also lead to tardive dyskinesia (TD), an involuntary movement disorder that is characterized by uncontrollable, abnormal and repetitive movements of the face, torso, and/or other body parts; and
- WHEREAS:** It is estimated that TD affects approximately 600,000 people in the U.S., and approximately 70% of people with TD have not been diagnosed, making it important to raise awareness about the symptoms and impact of TD because even mild symptoms of TD can have physical, social and emotional consequences; and
- WHEREAS:** Clinical research has led to the availability of two treatments for adults with TD by the United States Food and Drug Administration; and
- WHEREAS:** It is important that people taking DRBA medication to be monitored for TD. Regular screening for TD in these patients is recommended by the American Psychiatric Association (APA); now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 1-7, 2023, as TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 17th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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