



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Many people living with serious mental health conditions or gastrointestinal issues may be treated with medications that work as dopamine receptor blocking agents, including antipsychotics and antiemetics; and
- WHEREAS:** While ongoing treatment with these medications can be necessary, prolonged use is associated with tardive dyskinesia (TD), an involuntary movement disorder that is characterized by uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements of the face, torso, limbs, and fingers or toes; and
- WHEREAS:** People who have been prescribed these medications need to be monitored for TD by a healthcare provider. Regular screening for TD is recommended by the American Psychiatric Association; and
- WHEREAS:** It is estimated that TD affects approximately 600,000 people in the United States, and approximately 65 percent of people with TD have not been diagnosed, making it important to raise awareness about the symptoms; and
- WHEREAS:** Clinical research has led to approval of treatments for adults with TD by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and recognition and treatment of TD can make a positive impact in the lives of many people experiencing psychotic and mood disorders; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 5-11, 2024, as TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



*B. P. Kemp*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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