



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Serious mental illnesses like bipolar disorder, major depressive disorder, and schizophrenia often require treatment with antipsychotic medications for effective management, and antipsychotic prescribing rates continue to rise; and
- WHEREAS:** While prolonged antipsychotic use may be essential for the treatment of certain conditions, it is associated with tardive dyskinesia (TD), a condition marked by uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements of the face, torso, limbs, or extremities; and
- WHEREAS:** People at higher risk of TD include those older than 55 years, 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% of the estimated 800,000 U.S. adults living with TD remain undiagnosed; and 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:** 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 1-8, 2025, 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 5th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Laura M. Curry

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