



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:** 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 February 3-9, 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 30th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

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