
HOUSE RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING THE FIRST FULL WEEK OF MAY AS TARDIVE DYSKINESIA
AWARENESS WEEK.

1 WHEREAS, Tardive Dyskinesia is a serious side effect of
2 antipsychotic medications commonly used to treat schizophrenia
3 and other mental health conditions; and
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5 WHEREAS, Tardive Dyskinesia causes involuntary repetitive
6 movements of the face and limbs that can vary in frequency and
7 amplitude; and
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9 WHEREAS, according to the National Alliance on Mental
10 Illness, one in every four patients receiving long-term
11 treatment with an antipsychotic medication will experience
12 Tardive Dyskinesia; and
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14 WHEREAS, Tardive Dyskinesia symptoms do not always show up
15 immediately and may have long-lasting effects even after
16 discontinuing medication; and
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18 WHEREAS, elderly, female, and diabetic individuals are most
19 at risk for developing Tardive Dyskinesia; and
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21 WHEREAS, antipsychotic medication and its effects should be
22 closely monitored by health-care professionals, and at-risk
23 individuals should seek regular evaluations to recognize early
24 signs of Tardive Dyskinesia; and
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26 WHEREAS, public education is necessary for identifying
27 signs of Tardive Dyskinesia so that the severity of the side
28 effect may be reduced by reassessing and adjusting medications;
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31 WHEREAS, over the past three years, thirty-three states and
32 the District of Columbia have declared the first week in May as
33 Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week; now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
3 of 2021, that the first full week of May is designated as
4 Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week in the State of Hawaii; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education,
7 Department of Health, and United States Department of Health and
8 Human Services are encouraged to increase public awareness about
9 the effects of antipsychotic medication and its link to Tardive
10 Dyskinesia; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 Resolution be transmitted to the United States Secretary of
14 Health and Human Services, Governor, Chairperson of the Board of
15 Education, Superintendent of Education, and Director of Health.

