
HOUSE RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING THE FIRST 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;
29 now, therefore,
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
32 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of



1 2019, that the first full week of May is designated each year as
2 Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week in the State of Hawaii; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education,
5 the Department of Health, and the United States Department of
6 Health and Human Services are encouraged to increase public
7 awareness about the effects of antipsychotic medication and its
8 link to Tardive Dyskinesia; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Chairperson of
12 the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Education, the
13 Director of Health, and the United States Department of Health
14 and Human Services.
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