

# State of Wisconsin



2023 Assembly Joint Resolution 33

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## ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

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**Relating to:** proclaiming May 1 to 7, 2023, as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week in Wisconsin.

Whereas, many people with serious mental health conditions, such as bipolar disorder, major depression, schizophrenia, and schizoaffective disorder, or gastrointestinal disorders, including gastroparesis, nausea, and vomiting, may be treated with medications that work as dopamine receptor blocking agents (DRBAs), including antipsychotics; and

Whereas, while ongoing treatment with these medications can be necessary, prolonged use can also lead to tardive dyskinesia (TD), an involuntary movement disorder that is characterized by uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements of the face, torso, or other body parts; and

Whereas, it is estimated that TD affects approximately 600,000 people in the United States, and approximately 70 percent of people with TD have not been diagnosed, making it important to raise awareness about the symptoms and impact of TD because even mild symptoms of TD can have physical, social, and emotional consequences; and

Whereas, it is important that people taking DRBA medication be monitored for TD. Regular screening for TD in these patients is recommended by the American Psychiatric Association; and

Whereas, clinical research has led to the availability of two treatments for adults with TD approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration; and

Whereas, the legislature can raise awareness of TD in the public and medical community; now, therefore, be it

***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the legislature does hereby proclaim May 1 to 7, 2023, to be Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week in Wisconsin; and be it further

***Resolved, That*** the legislature encourages each individual in the state of Wisconsin to become better informed about and aware of tardive dyskinesia.

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Senator Chris Kapenga  
President of the Senate

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Representative Robin J. Vos  
Speaker of the Assembly

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Date

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Edward A. Blazel  
Assembly Chief Clerk