



2023 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 36

May 2, 2023 - Introduced by Senators CABRAL-GUEVARA and FELZKOWSKI, cosponsored by Representatives ROZAR, C. ANDERSON, DRAKE, EMERSON, MAGNAFICI, MOSES, MURPHY, OHNSTAD, SHANKLAND, SINICKI, CLANCY and MADISON. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

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

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

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

12 Whereas, it is estimated that TD affects approximately 600,000 people in the
13 United States, and approximately 70 percent of people with TD have not been
14 diagnosed, making it important to raise awareness about the symptoms and impact

1 of TD because even mild symptoms of TD can have physical, social, and emotional
2 consequences; and

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

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

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

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

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

15 (END)