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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Many peoples with serious, chronic mental
3 illness, such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, severe
4 depression, or gastrointestinal disorders that include
5 gastroparesis, nausea, and vomiting, require treatment with
6 medications that work as dopamine receptor blocking agents
7 (DRBAs), including antipsychotics; and

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WHEREAS, While ongoing treatment with these medications
9 can be very helpful, even lifesaving, for many people, it can
10 also lead to Tardive Dyskinesia (TD); and

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WHEREAS, Tardive Dyskinesia is a movement disorder that is
12 characterized by random, involuntary, and uncontrolled
13 movements of different muscles in the face, trunk, and
14 extremities; and

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WHEREAS, Tardive Dyskinesia can develop months, years, or
16 decades after a person starts taking DRBAs and even after they
17 have discontinued use of those medications; not everyone who
18 takes a DRBA develops TD, but if it develops, it is often
19 permanent; and

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WHEREAS, It is estimated that over 500,000 Americans
21 suffer from Tardive Dyskinesia; according to the National

1 Alliance for Mental Illness, one in every four patients
2 receiving long-term treatment with an antipsychotic medication
3 will experience Tardive Dyskinesia; and

4 WHEREAS, Years of difficult and challenging research have
5 resulted in recent scientific breakthroughs, with two new
6 treatments for Tardive Dyskinesia approved by the United
7 States Food and Drug Administration; and

8 WHEREAS, Tardive Dyskinesia is often unrecognized, and
9 patients suffering from the illness are commonly misdiagnosed;
10 regular screening for TD in patients taking DRBA medications
11 is recommended by the American Psychiatric Association (APA);
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare the week of
15 May 2, 2021 as "Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week" in the
16 State of Illinois; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That we encourage every individual in the United
18 States to become better informed about and aware of Tardive
19 Dyskinesia.