



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Tardive Dyskinesia (TD) is a condition that results in involuntary muscle movements of the face, trunk, and extremities that can vary in frequency and scale; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of TD include grimacing, sucking or fish-like movements of the mouth, rapid jerking or slow, twisting movements; and

WHEREAS, TD is a condition that may occur with long-term use of certain antipsychotic medications—dopamine receptor blocking drugs—which are prescribed to treat schizophrenia and other mental health disorders, depression, nausea or gastrointestinal conditions; and

WHEREAS, TD can persist even after discontinuing treatment or use of antipsychotics; and

WHEREAS, the elderly, women, diabetics and people who abuse drugs or alcohol are at an increased risk of developing TD; and

WHEREAS, TD is difficult to diagnose since symptoms do not appear until months or years after use of antipsychotics; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis and periodic evaluations can reduce the severity of TD by adjusting the treatment dosage; and

WHEREAS, research done by the Citizens Commission on Human Rights shows that more than 12 million Americans take antipsychotics and that more than 500,000 of those patients may have TD;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 5-11, 2019 as

“TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in raising awareness about the symptoms of TD and the side effects of antipsychotics and encourage patients to seek regular medical evaluations.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-second day of April 2019.



JOSHUA B. GREEN
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i