



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Tardive Dyskinesia (TD) is a movement disorder that is characterized by random, involuntary and uncontrolled muscle movements of the face, trunk, and extremities that can vary in frequency and scale and can affect a person's speech, eating and breathing; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of TD can be very troubling for patients and family members; and

WHEREAS, TD is a condition that may occur with long-term use of dopamine receptor blocking agents (DRBAs), which are prescribed to treat schizophrenia and other mental health disorders, depression, nausea or gastrointestinal conditions; and

WHEREAS, TD can develop months, years, or decades after a person starts taking DRBAs and even after discontinued use of those medications, often becoming permanent and making an accurate diagnosis difficult; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Alliance for Mental Illness, one in every four patients receiving long-term treatment with DRBA medication will experience TD; and

WHEREAS, over 500,000 Americans suffer from TD, often experiencing embarrassment and isolation; and

WHEREAS, common risk factors for TD include advanced age and alcoholism, substance abuse, post menopause, having diabetes, and use of DRBAs for three months or longer; and

WHEREAS, regular screening for TD in patients taking DRBA medications is recommended by the American Psychiatric Association;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 2-8, 2021 as

“TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in raising awareness about Tardive Dyskinesia and show support and acceptance for patients living with this disorder.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twelfth day of April 2021.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i