



# *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**, TD symptoms are beyond a person's control and can make routine physical functioning difficult, significantly affecting quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, TD is a condition that may occur with long-term use of dopamine receptor blocking agents (DRBAs), which are prescribed to treat chronic mental illness, such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, depression, or gastrointestinal conditions, including gastroparesis and nausea; 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**, it is estimated that over 600,000 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 1-7, 2022 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 second day of March 2022.

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i