

# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; tardive dyskinesia (TD) is a neurological condition characterized by involuntary muscle movements of the face, torso, and extremities that can vary in frequency and amplitude; and

*WHEREAS*; TD may develop with the use of certain dopamine receptor-blocking medications commonly used to treat chronic mental health disorders, such as schizophrenia and other schizoaffective disorders, bipolar disorder, severe depression, and even some gastrointestinal disorders, and symptoms can persist even after treatment has ended; and

*WHEREAS*; while ongoing treatment with these medications can be helpful and even lifesaving, it is important to recognize that it can lead to TD; and

*WHEREAS*; research suggests that individuals at higher risk of TD include older adults, people within the Black community, women, and individuals with mood or substance use disorders, intellectual disabilities, or central nervous system injuries, and those with high cumulative antipsychotic exposure; and

*WHEREAS*; treatments approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration can provide options for symptom management and improved quality of life for many individuals living with TD; and

*WHEREAS*; the American Psychiatric Association recommends routine TD screening in their clinical guidelines for antipsychotic treatment, and individuals treated with antipsychotics or experiencing abnormal movements should consult their healthcare providers to assess TD risk, receive TD screenings, and determine appropriate treatment together; and

*WHEREAS*; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins in ongoing efforts to raise awareness of TD, commends all those who live with TD for their resilience and advocacy, and encourages anyone experiencing TD symptoms to consult their physician for support;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim May 3 – 9, 2026, as

## TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused the  
Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin  
to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in  
the City of Madison this 30th day of  
April 2026.

*Tony Evers*  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Sarah Godlewski*  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State