

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 been 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 4 through 10 2025 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 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State