

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, or 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; while more than 500,000 people in the United States are affected by TD, according to Cleveland Clinic, the condition often goes unrecognized and is commonly misdiagnosed, which is why monitoring and regular screenings in patients taking dopamine-blocking medications are recommended by the American Psychiatric Association; and

WHEREAS; scientific breakthroughs in the study of TD have resulted in two new treatments, which have been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration; 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 5 through 11 2024 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 12th day of May 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State