

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 illness, such as schizophrenia and other schizoaffective disorders, bipolar disorder, or severe depression, and can persist even after treatment has been discontinued; and

WHEREAS; while ongoing treatment with these medications can be very helpful—and even lifesaving—for many people, it is important to recognize that it can lead to TD; and

WHEREAS; TD often goes unrecognized and patients suffering from the illness are commonly misdiagnosed, which is why regular screenings in patients taking antipsychotic medications are recommended by the American Psychiatric Association; and

WHEREAS; recent 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 1 – 7, 2022, 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State