

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 severe mental illness, and can persist even after treatment has been discontinued; and

WHEREAS; it is estimated that at least 500,000 Americans are currently living with TD and, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, one in every four patients receiving long-term treatment with an antipsychotic medication will experience TD; and

WHEREAS; while anyone taking an antipsychotic medication may develop the condition, elderly individuals, women, diabetic individuals, and individuals with multiple mental illnesses are at the greatest risk; 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 is recommended by the American Psychiatric Association; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 2 through 8, 2021, 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 14th day of April 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State