STATE of WISCONSIN



Proclamation

WHEREAS; Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week is observed annually during the first week in May, which is Mental Health Awareness Month; and

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 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

WHEREAS; while anyone taking antipsychotic medication may develop the condition, folks who are elderly, female, or have severe mental illness are at the greatest risk; and

WHEREAS; this Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week, the state of Wisconsin commends all who live with the condition for their resilience and advocacy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 3 – 9, 2020, 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 16th day of April 2020.

COVERNOR GOVERNOR

y the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State