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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 157

DESIGNATING MAY 5 – 11, 2024, AS “TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK” IN DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, many people living with serious mental illnesses (for example, bipolar disorder, major depressive
2 disorder, schizophrenia, and schizoaffective disorder) or gastrointestinal disorders (for example, gastroparesis, upset
3 stomach, nausea, and vomiting) may be treated with medications that work as dopamine receptor blocking agents, including
4 antipsychotics and antiemetics; and

5 WHEREAS, while ongoing treatment with these medications can be necessary, prolonged use is associated with
6 tardive dyskinesia (TD), an involuntary movement disorder that is characterized by uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive
7 movements of the face, torso, limbs, and fingers or toes; and

8 WHEREAS, even mild symptoms of TD can impact people physically, socially, and emotionally; and

9 WHEREAS, it is estimated that TD affects approximately 600,000 people in the United States, and approximately
10 65 percent of people with TD have not been diagnosed, making it important to raise awareness about the symptoms; and

11 WHEREAS, it is important that people taking these medications be monitored for TD by a healthcare provider,
12 and regular screening for TD is recommended by the American Psychiatric Association; and

13 WHEREAS, clinical research has led to approval of treatments for adults with TD by the U.S. Food and Drug
14 Administration, and recognition and treatment of TD can make a positive impact in the lives of many people experiencing
15 psychotic and mood disorders and gastrointestinal disorders; and

16 WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Social Services can raise awareness of TD among the public and
17 medical community.

18 NOW, THEREFORE:

19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of
20 Representatives concurring therein, that the week of May 5-11, 2024, is designated as “Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness
21 Week” in the State of Delaware.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this General Assembly encourages Delawareans who are experiencing
23 uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements to consult their healthcare provider regarding their symptoms.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this General Assembly encourages all Delawareans to become better
25 informed about Tardive Dyskinesia.

SYNOPSIS

This resolution designates May 5-11, 2024, as “Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week” and encourages anyone experiencing uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements to consult their healthcare provider regarding their symptoms.

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