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DELAWARE STATE SENATE  
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 39

DESIGNATING MAY 2 – 9, 2021, AS “TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK” IN DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, May is National Mental Health Awareness Month; and

2 WHEREAS, Tardive Dyskinesia is a movement disorder that disproportionately affects people being treated for  
3 chronic mental health conditions, including schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and severe depression; and

4 WHEREAS, ongoing treatment with prescription antipsychotic medications has many benefits for those with these  
5 and other mental illnesses; and

6 WHEREAS, antipsychotic medications lead to Tardive Dyskinesia in one out of every four patients receiving  
7 long-term treatment; and

8 WHEREAS, Tardive Dyskinesia is characterized by random, involuntary, and uncontrollable movements of  
9 muscles in the face, trunk, and extremities; and

10 WHEREAS, Tardive Dyskinesia can develop long after a person begins treatment, or even after the  
11 discontinuation of treatment with antipsychotic medications; and

12 WHEREAS, once Tardive Dyskinesia develops, it is often permanent; and

13 WHEREAS, over 500,000 Americans have been diagnosed with Tardive Dyskinesia, with many more suffering,  
14 although unaware of the cause or having been misdiagnosed; and

15 WHEREAS, scientific breakthroughs and years of research have allowed the Food and Drug Administration to  
16 recently approve two new treatments for the symptoms related to Tardive Dyskinesia; and

17 WHEREAS, it is important to raise further awareness of this disorder throughout the community.

18 NOW, THEREFORE:

19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 151<sup>st</sup> General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of  
20 Representatives concurring therein, that the first week of May is designated as “Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week” in  
21 the State of Delaware.

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

SYNOPSIS

This resolution designates May 2-9, 2021, as "Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week" in Delaware.

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