

By: Representative Currie

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF MAY 1-7,  
2 2022, AS "TARDIVE DYSKINESIA (TD) AWARENESS WEEK" THROUGHOUT THE  
3 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO PROMOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF EFFECTIVELY  
4 DIAGNOSING AND TREATING THE DISORDER.

5 WHEREAS, many people with serious, chronic mental illness,  
6 such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, severe depression, or  
7 gastrointestinal disorders, including gastroparesis, nausea, and  
8 vomiting require treatment with medications that work as dopamine  
9 receptor blocking agents (DRBAs), including antipsychotics; and

10 WHEREAS, while ongoing treatment with these medications can  
11 be very helpful, and even lifesaving, for many people, it can also  
12 lead to Tardive Dyskinesia (TD); and

13 WHEREAS, Tardive Dyskinesia is a movement disorder that is  
14 characterized by random, involuntary, and uncontrolled movements  
15 of different muscles in the face, trunk and extremities; and

16 WHEREAS, Tardive Dyskinesia can develop months, years, or  
17 decades after a person starts taking DRBAs and even after the  
18 discontinued use of those medications; and



19 WHEREAS, while not everyone who takes a DRBA develops TD, but  
20 if it develops, it is often permanent; and

21 WHEREAS, it is estimated that over 600,000 Americans suffer  
22 from Tardive Dyskinesia. According to the National Alliance for  
23 Mental Illness, one in every four patients receiving long-term  
24 treatment with an antipsychotic medication will experience Tardive  
25 Dyskinesia; and

26 WHEREAS, years of difficult and challenging research have  
27 resulted in recent scientific breakthroughs, with two new  
28 treatments for Tardive Dyskinesia approved by the United States  
29 Food and Drug Administration; and

30 WHEREAS, Tardive Dyskinesia is often unrecognized and  
31 patients suffering from the illness are commonly misdiagnosed.  
32 Regular screening for TD in patients taking DRBA medications is  
33 recommended by the American Psychiatric Association (APA); and

34 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Legislature can raise awareness of  
35 Tardive Dyskinesia in the public and medical community; and

36 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
37 and acknowledge matters of significance such as Tardive Dyskinesia  
38 and the implication of its causes and effects upon an individual's  
39 health and wellness for lack of awareness and proper diagnosis:

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
41 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
42 THEREIN, That we do hereby recognize the week of May 1-7, 2022, as  
43 "Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week" throughout the State of



44 Mississippi to promote the importance of effectively diagnosing  
45 and treating the disorder.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That citizens of Mississippi are  
47 encouraged to become better informed about and aware of Tardive  
48 Dyskinesia.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
50 furnished to the State Board of Health and to the members of the  
51 Capitol Press Corps.

