

By: Representative Fondren

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF MAY 5-11,  
2 2024, AS "TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK" THROUGHOUT THE STATE  
3 OF MISSISSIPPI AND ENCOURAGING ANYONE EXPERIENCING UNCONTROLLABLE,  
4 ABNORMAL AND REPETITIVE MOVEMENTS TO CONSULT THEIR HEALTHCARE  
5 PROVIDER REGARDING THEIR SYMPTOMS.

6 WHEREAS, many people living with serious mental illnesses  
7 (for example, bipolar disorder, major depressive disorder,  
8 schizophrenia and schizoaffective disorder) or gastrointestinal  
9 disorders (for example, gastroparesis, upset stomach, nausea and  
10 vomiting) may be treated with medications that work as dopamine  
11 receptor blocking agents, including antipsychotics and  
12 antiemetics; and

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

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



20 WHEREAS, it is estimated that TD affects approximately  
21 600,000 people in the United States, and approximately 65 percent  
22 of people with TD have not been diagnosed, making it important to  
23 raise awareness about the symptoms; and

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

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

33 WHEREAS, recognizing the week of May 5-11, 2024, as "Tardive  
34 Dyskinesia Awareness Week" and encouraging Mississippi to observe  
35 such week in honor of all who suffer from the diagnosis will help  
36 raise awareness of TD among the public and medical community; and

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

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
42 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
43 THEREIN, That we do hereby recognize the week of May 5-11, 2024,  
44 as "Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week" throughout the State of



45 Mississippi and encourage anyone experiencing uncontrollable,  
46 abnormal and repetitive movements to consult their healthcare  
47 provider regarding their symptoms.

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

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

