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7 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION
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11 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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16 To declare the first full week in May of 2019 as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week.
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18 WHEREAS, Tardive Dyskinesia (TD) is a neurological disorder that is characterized by
19 repetitive, involuntary muscle movements of the face, trunk, and extremities, and may occur as a
20 side effect of long-term use of antipsychotic and other medications; and
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22 WHEREAS, TD is a condition that may occur with certain medications used to treat mental
23 illness; and
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25 WHEREAS, TD results from treatment with dopamine receptor blocking agents used for
26 both psychiatric and non-psychiatric conditions, and can persist even after discontinuing treatment;
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29 WHEREAS, Research done by The Citizens Commission on Human Rights shows that
30 more than 12 million Americans take antipsychotics and that more than 500,000 of those patients
31 may have TD; and
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33 WHEREAS, Anyone taking an antipsychotic medication may develop TD, but those who
34 are elderly, female, diabetic, or have a mental illness are at a greater risk of developing TD;
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36 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
37 That this resolution may be cited as the "Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week Recognition
38 Resolution of 2019".
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40 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia hereby recognizes Tardive Dyskinesia
41 Awareness Week as part of its efforts to increase public awareness of Tardive Dyskinesia.
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43 Sec 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the
44 District of Columbia Register.

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