

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 5, 2019

To declare the first full week in May 2019 as “Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Tardive Dyskinesia (“TD”) is a neurological disorder that is characterized by repetitive, involuntary muscle movements of the face, trunk, and extremities, and may occur as a side effect of long-term use of antipsychotic and other medications;

WHEREAS, TD is a condition that may occur with certain medications used to treat mental illness;

WHEREAS, TD results from treatment with dopamine receptor blocking agents used for both psychiatric and non-psychiatric conditions, and can persist even after discontinuing treatment;

WHEREAS, research done by The Citizens Commission on Human Rights shows that more than 12 million Americans take antipsychotics and that more than 500,000 of those patients may have TD; and

WHEREAS, anyone taking an antipsychotic medication may develop TD, but those who are elderly, female, diabetic, or have a mental illness are at a greater risk of developing TD.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week Recognition Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia hereby declares the first full week of May 2019 as “Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week” in the District of Columbia as part of its efforts to increase public awareness of Tardive Dyskinesia .

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.