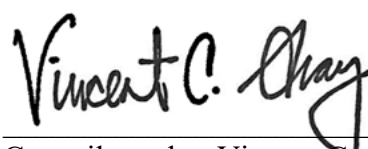
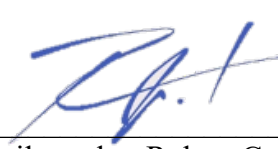



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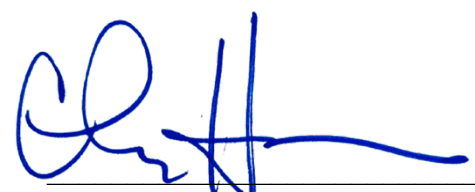
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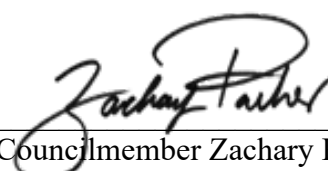
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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize the first week of May 2024 as “Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week.”

WHEREAS, Many people with serious mental health conditions, such as bipolar disorder, major depressive disorder, schizophrenia, and schizoaffective disorder, or gastrointestinal disorders, including gastroparesis, upset stomach, nausea, and vomiting, may be treated with medications that work as dopamine receptor blocking agents, including antipsychotics and antiemetics;

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

46 WHEREAS, Even mild symptoms of TD can impact people physically, socially and
47 emotionally;

48 WHEREAS, It is estimated that TD affects approximately 600,000 people in the U.S., and
49 approximately 65 percent of people with TD have not been diagnosed, making it important to raise
50 awareness about the symptoms;

51 WHEREAS, The American Psychiatric Association recommends that people taking these
52 medications be regularly screened and monitored for TD by a healthcare provider;

53 WHEREAS, Clinical research has led to approval of treatments for adults with TD by the
54 U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and recognition and treatment of TD can make a positive
55 impact in the lives of many people experiencing psychotic and mood disorders; and

56 WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia can raise awareness of Tardive
57 Dyskinesia in the public and medical community:

58 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
59 That this resolution may be cited as the “Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week Recognition
60 Resolution of 2024.”

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62 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia hereby declares the week of May 5, 2024-
63 May 11, 2024, as “Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week”, and encourages anyone experiencing
64 uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements to consult their healthcare provider regarding
65 their symptoms.

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