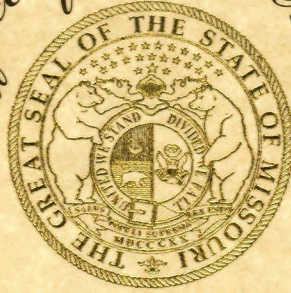


Office of the Governor



State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, many people living with serious mental illnesses, such as bipolar disorder, major depressive disorder, schizophrenia and schizoaffective disorder, or gastrointestinal disorders may be treated with medications that work as dopamine receptor-blocking agents, including antipsychotics and antiemetics; and

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; and

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

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

WHEREAS, it is important that people taking these medications be monitored for TD by a healthcare provider. Regular screening for TD is recommended by the American Psychiatric Association; and

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

WHEREAS, anyone experiencing uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements should be empowered to consult their healthcare provider regarding their symptoms to determine appropriate treatment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim May 5-11, 2024, to be

TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK

in Missouri.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 8th day of April, 2024.



Michael L. Parson

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Jay Ashcroft

SECRETARY OF STATE