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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE FIRST WEEK OF MAY 2022
9 AS TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK IN ARKANSAS.

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12 **Subtitle**

13 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE FIRST WEEK
14 OF MAY 2022 AS TARDIVE DYSKINESIA
15 AWARENESS WEEK IN ARKANSAS.

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18 WHEREAS, many people who have a serious chronic mental illness such as
19 schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, or severe depression, or who have a
20 gastrointestinal disorder such as gastroparesis or symptoms such as nausea
21 and vomiting, require treatment with medications that work as dopamine
22 receptor blocking agents, including antipsychotics; and

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24 WHEREAS, while ongoing treatment with these medications can be very
25 helpful and even lifesaving, it can also lead those undergoing treatment to
26 experience tardive dyskinesia; and

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28 WHEREAS, tardive dyskinesia is a movement disorder characterized by
29 random, involuntary, and uncontrolled movements of muscles in the face,
30 trunk, and extremities; and

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32 WHEREAS, tardive dyskinesia can develop months, years, or decades after
33 a person starts taking dopamine receptor blocking agents, even after he or
34 she has discontinued use of those medications, and is often permanent; and

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36 WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than six hundred thousand (600,000)



1 Americans suffer from tardive dyskinesia, and the National Alliance on Mental
2 Illness reports that one (1) in every four (4) patients receiving long-term
3 treatment with antipsychotic medication will experience tardive dyskinesia;
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6 WHEREAS, tardive dyskinesia research has resulted in recent scientific
7 breakthroughs, including two new treatments approved by the United States
8 Food and Drug Administration; and

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10 WHEREAS, tardive dyskinesia is often unrecognized, and patients
11 suffering from the disorder are sometimes misdiagnosed, leading the American
12 Psychiatric Association to recommend heightened awareness of and regular
13 screening for TARDIVE DYSKINESIA in patients taking DRBAs; and

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15 WHEREAS, tardive dyskinesia Awareness Week is recognized in many states
16 across the country during the first week of May each year,

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18 NOW THEREFORE,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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22 THAT the House of Representatives recognize the first week of May 2022
23 as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week.