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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, many people living with serious mental illnesses 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 tardive dyskinesia (TD) can impact people physically, socially, and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that tardive dyskinesia (TD) affects approximately six hundred thousand (600,000) people in the United States and approximately sixty-five percent (65%) of people with tardive dyskinesia (TD) have not been diagnosed, making it important to raise awareness about the symptoms of tardive dyskinesia (TD); and



WHEREAS, it is important that people taking medicines that work as dopamine receptor blocking agents be monitored for tardive dyskinesia (TD) by a healthcare provider as recommended by the American Psychiatric Association; and

WHEREAS, clinical research has led to the approval of certain treatments for adults with tardive dyskinesia (TD) by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration; and

WHEREAS, recognition and treatment of tardive dyskinesia (TD) can make a positive impact in the lives of many people experiencing this side effect from taking medications that work as dopamine receptor blocking agents; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly can raise awareness of tardive dyskinesia (TD) among the public and medical community,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives:

- (1) designate May 5-11, 2024 as "Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week";
- and
- (2) encourage anyone experiencing uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements to consult their healthcare provider regarding their symptoms.