

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** many people with serious mental health conditions, such as bipolar disorder, major depression, schizophrenia, and schizoaffective disorder, or gastrointestinal disorders, including gastroparesis, nausea, and vomiting, may be treated with medications that work as dopamine receptor blocking agents (DRBAs), including antipsychotics; and
- Whereas,** while ongoing treatment with these medications can be necessary, prolonged use can also lead to tardive dyskinesia (TD), an involuntary movement disorder that is characterized by uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements of the face, torso, and/or other body parts; and
- Whereas,** it is estimated that TD affects approximately 600,000 people in the U.S., and approximately 70% of people with TD have not been diagnosed, making it important to raise awareness about the symptoms and impact of TD because even mild symptoms of TD can have physical, social and emotional consequences; and
- Whereas,** it is important that people taking DRBA medication be monitored for TD. Regular screening for TD in these patients is recommended by the American Psychiatric Association (APA); and
- Whereas,** clinical research has led to the availability of two treatments for adults with TD by the United States Food and Drug Administration; and
- Whereas,** anyone experiencing symptoms of TD should consult their physician for support.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *May 1 – 7, 2023* as:

Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

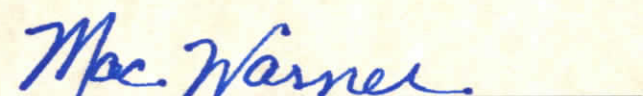
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Thirteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State