



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Serious mental illnesses like bipolar disorder, major depressive disorder, and schizophrenia often require treatment with antipsychotic medications for effective management, and antipsychotic prescribing rates continue to rise; and
- WHEREAS:** While prolonged antipsychotic use may be essential for the treatment of certain conditions, it is associated with tardive dyskinesia (TD), a condition marked by uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements of the face, torso, limbs, or extremities; and
- WHEREAS:** People at higher risk of TD include those older than 55 years, Black individuals, women, individuals with mood or substance use disorders, intellectual disabilities, or central nervous system injuries, and those with high cumulative antipsychotic exposure; and
- WHEREAS:** Approximately 60% of the estimated 800,000 U.S. adults living with TD remain undiagnosed; and even mild TD symptoms can be stigmatizing and impair physical, social, and emotional well-being, underscoring the urgency of early screening, detection, and intervention; and
- WHEREAS:** The American Psychiatric Association recommends routine TD screening in their clinical guidelines for antipsychotic treatment, and individuals treated with antipsychotics or experiencing abnormal movements should consult their healthcare providers to assess TD risk, receive TD screenings, and determine appropriate treatment together; and
- WHEREAS:** FDA-approved treatments for TD can provide options for symptom management and improved quality of life for many individuals living with TD; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 3-9, 2026, as TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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