

House Concurrent Resolution 23

Sponsored by Representative MOORE-GREEN

SUMMARY

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Designates week of May 3 to 9, 2021, as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas many people with serious, chronic mental illness, such as schizophrenia and other
3 schizoaffective disorders, bipolar disorder or severe depression, require treatment with medications
4 that work as dopamine receptor blocking agents (DRBAs), including antipsychotics; and

5 Whereas while ongoing treatment with these medications can be very helpful, and even
6 lifesaving, for many people it can also lead to tardive dyskinesia (TD); and

7 Whereas many people who have gastrointestinal disorders, including gastroparesis, nausea and
8 vomiting, also require treatment with DRBAs; and

9 Whereas treatment of gastrointestinal disorders with DRBAs can be very helpful, but it can also
10 lead to TD in many patients; and

11 Whereas TD is a movement disorder that is characterized by random, involuntary and uncon-
12 trolled movements of different muscles in the face, trunk and extremities; and

13 Whereas some people with TD may experience involuntary movement of the arms, legs, fingers
14 and toes, while in other cases TD may affect the tongue, lips and jaw; and

15 Whereas TD may also cause swaying movements of the trunk or hips and may impact the mus-
16 cles associated with walking, speaking, eating and breathing; and

17 Whereas TD can develop months, years or decades after a person starts taking DRBAs, even
18 after they have discontinued use of those medications; and

19 Whereas not everyone who takes a DRBA develops TD, but if it develops it is often permanent;
20 and

21 Whereas common risk factors for TD include advanced age, alcoholism or other substance abuse
22 disorders and mood disorders; and

23 Whereas post-menopausal women are also at higher risk of developing TD; and

24 Whereas a person is at risk of developing TD after taking DRBAs for three months, but the
25 longer a person is on these medications, the higher the risk of TD; and

26 Whereas studies suggest that the overall risk of developing TD is between 10 and 30 percent;
27 and

28 Whereas more than 500,000 Americans are estimated to suffer from TD and, according to the
29 National Alliance on Mental Illness, one in every four patients receiving long-term treatment with
30 an antipsychotic medication will suffer from TD; and

31 Whereas years of difficult and challenging research have resulted in recent scientific break-
32 throughs, and two new treatments for TD have been approved by the United States Food and Drug

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1 Administration; and

2 Whereas patients suffering from TD are commonly undiagnosed or misdiagnosed; and

3 Whereas regular screening for TD in patients taking DRBAs is recommended by the American
4 Psychiatric Association; and

5 Whereas patients suffering from TD often suffer embarrassment due to abnormal and involuntary
6 movements, which can lead them to withdraw from society and increasingly isolate themselves as
7 the disease progresses; and

8 Whereas caregivers of patients with TD face many challenges and are often responsible for the
9 complete care of a TD patient; and

10 Whereas the Legislative Assembly can raise awareness of tardive dyskinesia in the public and
11 medical community; now, therefore,

12 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

13 That we, the members of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly, designate the week of May 3 to
14 9, 2021, as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week; and be it further

15 Resolved, That we encourage all Oregonians to become better informed and more aware of
16 tardive dyskinesia.

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