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H.C.R. No. 76

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Tardive dyskinesia (TD) is a condition  
2 characterized by involuntary movements of the face, trunk, or  
3 extremities, caused by long-term use of dopamine receptor-blocking  
4 agents; and

5           WHEREAS, A movement disorder, TD is most commonly associated  
6 with facial symptoms such as uncontrolled grimacing, abnormal  
7 motions of the lips and tongue, and rapid blinking, but may also  
8 manifest in other parts of the body; it occurs in patients who have  
9 been prescribed neuroleptic medications for schizophrenia, bipolar  
10 disorder, other neurological conditions, and gastrointestinal  
11 disorders, and it can persist after individuals discontinue use of  
12 the drugs; and

13           WHEREAS, Patients living with TD frequently suffer from  
14 embarrassment due to their involuntary movements, which may create  
15 a sense of discomfort and unease in those around them; these  
16 struggles often compound the difficulties that individuals with TD  
17 already face while being treated for psychiatric and mood  
18 disorders, leading them to further isolate themselves from others;  
19 the condition can also make it challenging for patients to work and  
20 stay active and productive; and

21           WHEREAS, TD is estimated to affect at least 500,000 people in  
22 the United States, and it is more prevalent among postmenopausal  
23 women, patients over the age of 55, and those with a history of  
24 alcohol or substance abuse; it is important that patients be

1 diagnosed as early as possible to ensure the best outcome, and at  
2 this time, prevention remains the best-established method for  
3 combatting the condition; and

4 WHEREAS, Awareness among patients, medical professionals,  
5 caregivers, and the public can play a crucial role in helping more  
6 people to live lives free of TD and the challenges and stigma  
7 associated with it, and the observance of TD Awareness Week in May  
8 2019 will assist in promoting much-needed education on this  
9 important health issue; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas  
11 hereby designate the first full week of May as TD Awareness Week and  
12 encourage all Texans to learn more about the risk factors and signs  
13 of tardive dyskinesia; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section  
15 [391.004\(d\)](#), Government Code, this designation remain in effect  
16 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally  
17 passed by the legislature.