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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, African and Asian Americans, patients over the age of 55, and
24 those with a history of alcohol or substance abuse; it is important

1 that patients be diagnosed as early as possible to ensure the best
2 outcome, and at this time, prevention remains the best-established
3 method for 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 recognize the first week of May 2019 as TD Awareness Week and
12 encourage all Texans to learn more about the risk factors and signs
13 of tardive dyskinesia.