



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*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; and*

*WHEREAS, it is important that people taking DRBA medication to 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, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 1 through May 7, 2023, as*

# Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week

*in the state of Alabama.*



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the  
Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City  
of Montgomery on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor