

# House Resolution 18 - Introduced

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 18

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1 A Resolution designating Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness  
2 Week.

3 WHEREAS, many people with serious, chronic mental  
4 illness, such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and  
5 severe depression; or gastrointestinal disorders,  
6 including gastroparesis, nausea, and vomiting;  
7 require treatment with medications that work as  
8 dopamine receptor blocking agents (DRBAs) such as  
9 antipsychotics; and

10 WHEREAS, ongoing treatment with DRBAs can be  
11 helpful or even life-saving, but for many people, the  
12 medications can lead to Tardive Dyskinesia (TD); and

13 WHEREAS, TD is a movement disorder that is  
14 characterized by random, involuntary, and uncontrolled  
15 movements of different muscles in the face, torso, and  
16 extremities; and

17 WHEREAS, TD can significantly affect a person's  
18 quality of life by making routine physical tasks more  
19 difficult; and

20 WHEREAS, TD can be a permanent condition and may  
21 develop months, years, or even decades after a person  
22 starts taking DRBAs, even if the person discontinued  
23 using DRBAs; and

24 WHEREAS, the National Institute of Neurological  
25 Disorders and Stroke estimates that at least 500,000  
26 Americans suffer from TD; and

27 WHEREAS, recent research has shown that between  
28 20 and 30 percent of all people taking DRBAs will

1 experience TD, with women, African Americans, and the  
2 elderly being most at risk; and

3 WHEREAS, years of difficult and challenging  
4 research have resulted in scientific breakthroughs  
5 leading to two new United States Food and Drug  
6 Administration-approved treatments for TD; and

7 WHEREAS, TD is often unrecognized or misdiagnosed as  
8 a mental illness, and as a result, patients are often  
9 prescribed more neurologic drugs which increase the  
10 probably the patient will develop a severe or disabling  
11 case of TD; and

12 WHEREAS, the American Psychiatric Association  
13 recommends regular TD screenings for patients taking  
14 DRBAs; and

15 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives has the  
16 privilege of being in a position to raise public and  
17 medical community awareness of TD; NOW THEREFORE,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That  
19 the House of Representatives designates the week of  
20 May 1, 2023, as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week, and  
21 encourages every Iowan to become better informed about  
22 Tardive Dyskinesia.