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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MAY 5TH THROUGH MAY 11TH OF 2024, TO BE "TARDIVE  
DYSKINESIA (TD) AWARENESS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Miller, Picard, Felag, Zurier, Bissaillon, Britto, Rogers,  
DeLuca, Burke, and F. Lombardi

Date Introduced: May 02, 2024

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, Many people living with serious mental illnesses (for example, bipolar  
2 disorder, major depressive disorder, schizophrenia and schizoaffective disorder) or  
3 gastrointestinal disorders (for example, gastroparesis, upset stomach, nausea and vomiting) may  
4 be treated with medications that work as dopamine receptor blocking agents, including  
5 antipsychotics and antiemetics; and

6           WHEREAS, While ongoing treatment with these medications can be necessary,  
7 prolonged use is associated with tardive dyskinesia (TD), an involuntary movement disorder that  
8 is characterized by uncontrollable, abnormal and repetitive movements of the face, torso, limbs,  
9 and fingers or toes; and

10           WHEREAS, Even mild symptoms of TD can impact people physically, socially and  
11 emotionally; and

12           WHEREAS, It is estimated that TD affects approximately 600,000 people in the United  
13 States, and approximately 65 percent of people with TD have not been diagnosed, making it  
14 important to raise awareness about the symptoms; and

15           WHEREAS, It is important that people taking these medications be monitored for TD by  
16 a healthcare provider. Regular screening for TD is recommended by the American Psychiatric  
17 Association; and

18           WHEREAS, Clinical research has led to approval of treatments for adults with TD by the  
19 U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and recognition and treatment of TD can make a positive

1 impact in the lives of many people experiencing psychotic and mood disorders; and

2 WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island needs to do all it can to raise awareness of TD  
3 among the public and medical community; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby proclaims May 5th  
5 through May 11th of 2024, to be "Tardive Dyskinesia (TD) Awareness Week" in the State of  
6 Rhode Island; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby encourages anyone experiencing uncontrollable,  
8 abnormal and repetitive movements to consult their healthcare provider regarding their  
9 symptoms; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
11 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ms. Karla Kiriako, Director, State Government  
12 Affairs-East, Neurocrine, Inc.

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