

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, tardive dyskinesia (TD) is a condition of involuntary muscle movements of the face, trunk, and extremities that can vary in frequency and amplitude; and

WHEREAS, TD is a condition that may occur with certain medications used to treat mental illness; TD results from treatment with dopamine receptor blocking agents used for both psychiatric and non-psychiatric conditions, and can persist even after discontinuing treatment; and

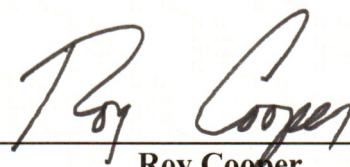
WHEREAS, TD affects individuals who have been taking neuroleptic drugs for a long period of time; a high percentage of schizophrenic people who have spent long periods of time taking these drugs have a high risk of developing TD, but neuroleptic drugs are also prescribed for depression, some digestive disorders, and other neurologic illnesses; and

WHEREAS, anyone taking an antipsychotic medication may develop TD, but people who are elderly, female, or have a mental illness are at a greater risk of developing TD; the reasons that some people who take these drugs may get tardive dyskinesia, and some people do not, is unknown; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages people to raise awareness and support those with TD in our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 6 – 10, 2019, as “**TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this sixth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.