

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK**

**2023**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Tardive Dyskinesia (TD) is a condition characterized by involuntary muscle movements of the face, torso, 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 (DRBAs) used for both psychiatric and non-psychiatric conditions, and can persist even after discontinuing treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, anyone taking an antipsychotic medication may develop TD, but the elderly, women, and individuals with a mental illness are at a greater risk of developing TD; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that over 600,000 Americans suffer from TD; according to the National Alliance for Mental Illness, one in every four patients receiving long-term treatment with an antipsychotic medication will experience TD; and

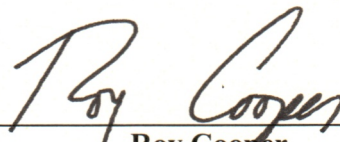
**WHEREAS**, years of research have resulted in recent scientific breakthroughs, with two new treatments for TD approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration; and

**WHEREAS**, TD is often unrecognized and patients suffering from the illness are commonly misdiagnosed; regular screening for TD in patients taking DRBA medications is recommended by the American Psychiatric Association (APA); and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages individuals and organizations to raise awareness and educate others of Tardive Dyskinesia, and to support those affected by it;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 1 – 7, 2023, as “**TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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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 twenty-eighth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-seventh.