

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK

MAY 4-10, 2025

WHEREAS, serious mental illnesses like bipolar disorder, major depressive disorder and schizophrenia often require treatment with antipsychotic medications for effective management, and antipsychotic prescribing rates continue to rise; and

WHEREAS, while prolonged antipsychotic use may be essential for the treatment of certain conditions, it is associated with tardive dyskinesia (TD), a condition marked by uncontrollable, abnormal and repetitive movements of the face, torso, limbs or extremities; and

WHEREAS, people at higher risk of TD include those older than 55 years, black individuals, women, individuals with mood or substance use disorders, intellectual disabilities, or central nervous system injuries and those with high cumulative antipsychotic exposure; and

WHEREAS, approximately 60% of the estimated 800,000 U.S. adults living with TD remain undiagnosed; and even mild TD symptoms can be stigmatizing and impair physical, social and emotional wellbeing, underscoring the urgency of early screening, detection and intervention; and

WHEREAS, the American Psychiatric Association recommends routine TD screening in their clinical guidelines for antipsychotic treatment, and individuals treated with antipsychotics or experiencing abnormal movements should consult their health care providers to assess TD risk, receive TD screenings and determine appropriate treatment together; and

WHEREAS, FDA-approved treatments for TD can provide options for symptom management and improved quality of life for many individuals living with TD, and prioritizing TD awareness, education and routine screenings to improve care for individuals prescribed antipsychotics supports the health and well-being of North Dakota citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
May 4-10, 2025, **TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK**




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE