

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.246

Rep. VanderWall offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare May 5-11, 2024, as Tardive Dyskinesia
2 Awareness Week in the state of Michigan.

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

9 Whereas, While ongoing treatment with these medications can be
10 necessary, prolonged use is associated with tardive dyskinesia
11 (TD), an involuntary movement disorder that is characterized by
12 uncontrollable, abnormal and repetitive movements of the face,

1 torso, limbs, and fingers or toes; and

2 Whereas, Even mild symptoms of TD can impact people
3 physically, socially and emotionally; and

4 Whereas, It is estimated that TD affects approximately 600,000
5 people in the United States and approximately 65 percent of people
6 with TD have not been diagnosed, making it important to raise
7 awareness about the symptoms; and

8 Whereas, It is important that people taking these medications
9 be monitored for TD by a healthcare provider. Regular screening for
10 TD is recommended by the American Psychiatric Association; and

11 Whereas, Clinical research has led to approval of treatments
12 for adults with TD by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.
13 Recognition and treatment of TD can make a positive impact in the
14 lives of many people experiencing psychotic and mood disorders; and

15 Whereas, Michigan can raise awareness of TD among the public
16 and medical community; now, therefore, be it

17 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
18 this legislative body declare May 5-11, 2024, as Tardive Dyskinesia
19 Awareness Week in the state of Michigan. We encourage anyone
20 experiencing uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements to
21 consult their healthcare provider regarding their symptoms.