

## House Resolution 1295

By: Representatives Cooper of the 45<sup>th</sup>, Fleming of the 114<sup>th</sup>, Paris of the 142<sup>nd</sup>, and Martinez of the 111<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the first full week in May as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week 2026; and  
2 for other purposes.

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

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

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

13 WHEREAS, approximately 60 percent of the estimated 800,000 adults in the United States  
14 living with TD remain undiagnosed; and even mild TD symptoms can be stigmatizing and

15 impair physical, social, and emotional well-being, underscoring the urgency of early  
16 screening, detection, and intervention; and

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

22 WHEREAS, FDA-approved treatments for TD can provide options for symptom  
23 management and improved quality of life for many individuals living with TD.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body recognize the first full week in May as Tardive Dyskinesia  
26 Awareness Week 2026, prioritizing TD awareness, education, and routine screenings to  
27 improve care for individuals prescribed antipsychotics supports the health and well-being of  
28 Georgia's citizens.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
31 public and the press.