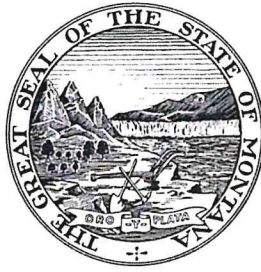


STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, serious chronic mental illnesses such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and severe depression, as well as gastrointestinal disorders, may require treatment with medications that work as dopamine receptor blocking agents (DRBAs), including antipsychotics; and

WHEREAS, while treatment with these medications can be helpful and even lifesaving, it can also lead to Tardive Dyskinesia (TD), a movement disorder characterized by random, involuntary, and uncontrolled movements of different muscles in the face, trunk, and extremities which can develop months, years, or decades after a person starts taking DRBAs and even after discontinued use; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 500,000 Americans suffer from TD, and one in four patients receiving long-term treatment with an antipsychotic medication will experience TD; and

WHEREAS, years of scientific research have led to breakthroughs, with two new treatments for TD approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim May 2-9, 2021 to be

TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK

in Montana to support those suffering from TD.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor