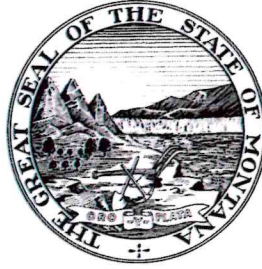


# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*



*WHEREAS, many mental health conditions are treated with medications that work as dopamine receptor blocking agents (DRBA), including antipsychotics; and*

*WHEREAS, while ongoing treatment with these medications can be necessary, prolonged use can also lead to tardive dyskinesia (TD), an involuntary movement disorder that is characterized by uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements of the face, torso, and/or other body parts; and*

*WHEREAS, it is estimated that TD affects approximately 600,000 people in the U.S., and approximately 70% of people with TD have not been diagnosed; and*

*WHEREAS, the American Psychiatric Association recommends regular screening for TD for people taking DRBA medication; and*

*WHEREAS, clinical research has led to the availability of two treatments for adults with TD by the United States Food and Drug Administration; and*

*WHEREAS, individuals experiencing symptoms of TD should consult their physician for support;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim May 1-7, 2023*

### **TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK**

in Montana to support those suffering from TD.

**GREG GIANFORTE**  
Governor