

# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*



*WHEREAS, many mental health conditions are treated with medications that work as dopamine receptor blocking agents (DRBAs), 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 United States, and approximately 70 percent of people with TD have not been diagnosed; and*

*WHEREAS, it is important that people taking DRBA medication to be monitored for TD and regular screening is recommended by the American Psychiatric Association; 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, anyone experiencing symptoms of TD should consult their physician for support;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim the week of May 5-11th, 2024*

### **TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK**

in Montana and encourage its observance to all Montanans.

**GREG GIANFORTE**

**Governor**