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 <u>United States</u>, and approximately 70 <u>percent</u> of people with TD have not been diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, it is important that people taking DRBA medication to be monitored for TD <u>and</u> take advantage of regular screenings for TD as recommended by the American Psychiatric Association (APA); and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim May 4-10, 2025

TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK

in Montana to support those suffering from TD.

GREG GIANFORTE

Governor