

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK MAY 1-7, 2023

WHEREAS, many people with serious mental health conditions, such as bipolar disorder, major depression, schizophrenia and schizoaffective disorder, or gastrointestinal disorders, including gastroparesis, nausea and vomiting, may be 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 other body parts; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that TD affects approximately 600,000 people in the United States, yet approximately 70% of people with TD have not been diagnosed, making it important to raise awareness about the symptoms and impacts of TD because even mild symptoms of TD can have physical, social and emotional consequences; and

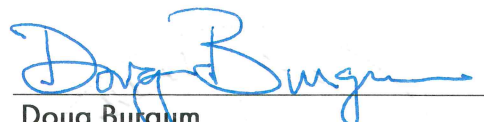
WHEREAS, it is important that people taking DRBA medication be monitored for TD, and regular screening for TD in these patients is recommended by the American Psychiatric Association (APA); and


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

WHEREAS, those experiencing symptoms of TD should consult their physician for support.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
May 1-7, 2023, TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE