

**BY:** Senator RIVERA

**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim  
May 1-8, 2022, as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week  
in the State of New York

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to help increase awareness of serious health conditions that affect the lives of citizens of New York State; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 1-8, 2022, as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week in the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Tardive Dyskinesia (TD) is a condition of involuntary muscle movements of the face, trunk, and extremities that can vary in frequency and amplitude; and

**WHEREAS,** TD is a condition that may occur with certain medications used to treat mental illness; and

**WHEREAS,** TD results from treatment with dopamine receptor blocking agents used for both psychiatric and non-psychiatric conditions, and can persist even after discontinuing treatment; and

**WHEREAS,** It is estimated that over 600,000 Americans suffer from Tardive Dyskinesia; according to the National Alliance for Mental Illness, one in every four patients receiving long-term treatment with an antipsychotic medication will experience Tardive Dyskinesia; and

**WHEREAS,** Anyone taking an antipsychotic medication may develop TD, but people who are elderly, female, diabetic, or have a mental illness are at a greater risk of developing TD; and

**WHEREAS,** It is imperative that there be greater awareness of this serious health condition, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, State and National levels; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 1-8, 2022, as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week in the State of New York; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York.