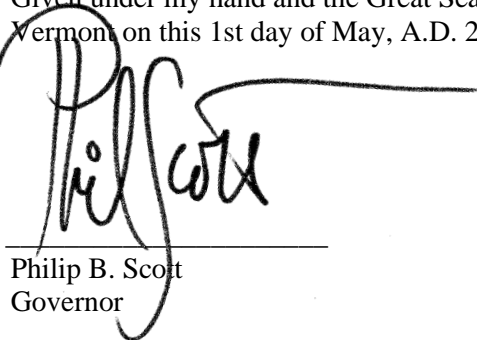


**State of Vermont**  
**Executive Department**  
**A Proclamation**

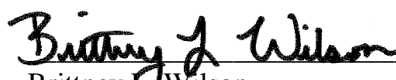
- WHEREAS,** many people living with serious mental illnesses (for example, bipolar disorder, major depressive disorder, schizophrenia and schizoaffective disorder) or gastrointestinal disorders (for example, gastroparesis, upset stomach, nausea and vomiting) may be treated with medications that work as dopamine receptor blocking agents, including antipsychotics and antiemetics; and
- WHEREAS,** while ongoing treatment with these medications can be necessary, prolonged use is associated with tardive dyskinesia (TD), an involuntary movement disorder that is characterized by uncontrollable, abnormal and repetitive movements of the face, torso, limbs, and fingers or toes that can impact people physically, socially, and emotionally; and
- WHEREAS,** it is estimated that TD affects approximately 600,000 people in the United States, and approximately 65% of people with TD have not been diagnosed, making it important to raise awareness about the symptoms; and
- WHEREAS,** it is important that people taking these medications be monitored for TD by a healthcare provider and regular screening for TD is recommended by the American Psychiatric Association; and
- WHEREAS,** clinical research has led to approval of treatments for adults with TD by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and recognition and treatment of TD can make a positive impact in the lives of many people experiencing psychotic and mood disorders; and
- WHEREAS,** anyone experiencing uncontrollable, abnormal and repetitive movements should be empowered to consult their healthcare provider regarding their symptoms to determine appropriate treatment.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim May 5 – 11, 2024, as

**TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK**  
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 1st day of May, A.D. 2024.

  
Philip B. Scott  
Governor



  
Brittney J. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs