

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE ADVANCED JOURNAL AND CALENDAR**

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

SUPPLEMENT NO. 1

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**Joint Resolutions**

(1-1) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1533

**JOINT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MAY 1-7, 2022 AS  
TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK**

WHEREAS, many people with serious, chronic mental health conditions, such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder or severe depression, or gastrointestinal disorders, including gastroparesis, nausea and vomiting, require treatment with medications that work as dopamine receptor blocking agents, or DRBAs, including antipsychotic medications; and

WHEREAS, while ongoing treatment with these medications can be very helpful, and even lifesaving, for many people, it can also lead to tardive dyskinesia; and

WHEREAS, tardive dyskinesia is a movement disorder that is characterized by random, involuntary and uncontrolled movements of different muscles in the face, trunk and extremities; and

WHEREAS, tardive dyskinesia can develop months, years or decades after a person starts taking DRBAs and even after they have discontinued use of those medications. Not everyone who takes a DRBA develops tardive dyskinesia, but if it develops it is often permanent; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that over 600,000 Americans suffer from tardive dyskinesia, and, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, one in every 4 patients receiving long-term treatment with an antipsychotic medication will experience tardive dyskinesia; and

WHEREAS, tardive dyskinesia is often unrecognized and patients suffering from the disorder are commonly misdiagnosed, and regular screening for tardive dyskinesia in patients taking DRBAs is therefore recommended by the American Psychiatric Association; and

WHEREAS, while years of difficult and challenging research have resulted in recent scientific breakthroughs regarding tardive dyskinesia, it is important to continue to raise awareness of tardive dyskinesia in the public and the medical community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to designate May 1-7, 2022 as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week and respectfully encourage each individual in the State to become aware of and better informed about tardive dyskinesia.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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(1-2) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1534

**JOINT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING JUNE 27, 2022 AS POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS INJURY AWARENESS DAY AND JUNE AS POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS INJURY AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, all citizens possess the basic human right to the preservation of personal dignity and deserve the investment of every possible resource to ensure their lasting physical, mental and emotional well-being; and

WHEREAS, post-traumatic stress can result from any number of stressors including combat, interpersonal violence, severe impact collisions, natural disasters and exposure to the suffering of others; and

WHEREAS, the diagnosis known as post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD, was initially formulated in 1980 by the American Psychiatric Association to describe and categorize the psychological aftermath of severe traumatic distress; and

WHEREAS, post-traumatic stress has historically been unjustly portrayed as a mental illness caused by a preexisting flaw in character or ability, and the term "disorder" carries a stigma that perpetuates this misconception; and

WHEREAS, it has been shown through electromagnetic imaging that severe post-traumatic stress causes physical changes within the brain that are more accurately described as an injury than as a disorder; and

WHEREAS, referring to post-traumatic stress as a disorder may seem to disparage the injured and may discourage them from seeking timely care for their behavioral health needs; and

WHEREAS, timely and appropriate treatment of post-traumatic stress injury can diminish complications and prevent suicides; and

WHEREAS, post-traumatic stress injury that meets the criteria for a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders deserves disability compensation equal to that allowed for PTSD under the law; and

WHEREAS, while all citizens suffering post-traumatic stress injuries deserve our compassion and consideration, those brave members of the United States Armed Forces who have received these injuries while risking their lives to protect our freedom, health and welfare deserve special recognition for their gallantry, commitment, devotion and sacrifice; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to designate June 27, 2022 as Post-traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day and June as Post-traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Month and respectfully urge the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to continue working to educate victims of interpersonal violence, combat, life-threatening accidents or natural disasters and their families, as well as the general public, about the causes, symptoms and treatment of post-traumatic stress injury.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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(1-3) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1535

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING  
TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK, MAY 2, 2022 TO MAY 6, 2022**

WHEREAS, Maine's future depends upon the provision of high-quality education to all students; and

WHEREAS, teachers mold future citizens through guidance and education; and

WHEREAS, teachers are among the most dedicated of public servants in the State; and

WHEREAS, it is important to raise public awareness of the contributions of teachers and to promote greater respect for and understanding of the teaching profession; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize the week of May 2, 2022 as Teacher Appreciation Week and strongly encourage the citizens of the State to recognize the efforts of teachers in educating the children of their communities and to support teachers in their efforts.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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