

To the office of U.S. Representative Andrew R. Garbarino

Re: HRES 1341 (119th Congress), Expressing support for the recognition of June 7, 2026, as "Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day". • Latest action (2026-06-04): Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day Recognition Act of 2026

The measure, as described from the official record: Recognize Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day on June 7, 2026, to increase public awareness and understanding of Tourette Syndrome.

THE PROPOSAL

The Congress finds that Tourette Syndrome is a neurodevelopmental disorder affecting approximately 1 in 162 children in the United States, and that increased public awareness reduces stigma and improves quality of life for affected individuals. The Congress designates June 7, 2026, as 'Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day' and encourages the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that promote understanding and support for individuals with Tourette Syndrome. This designation is an expression of sentiment by the Congress and does not authorize the expenditure of any appropriated funds. The National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are authorized to issue informational materials consistent with this resolution, subject to existing appropriations. This resolution shall expire on December 31, 2026.

OPERATIVE PROVISIONS (VFA PROPOSAL)

Funding Source	No new funding — existing appropriations of NIH and CDC may be used for informational materials.
Funding Amount	\$0 — any costs must be absorbed within current budgets.
Sunset Years	1 years
Oversight Body	House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (for informational materials review upon request).
Enforcement Mechanism	No enforcement required — this is a ceremonial designation; misuse of official seals would be subject to existing 18 U.S.C. § 1017 penalties.
Effective Date	Date of enactment.

CONSTITUTIONAL BASIS

- Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 (spending for general welfare)
- Tenth Amendment (no commandeering of states or private actors)

WHY BOTH SIDES CAN BACK IT (VFA'S ASSESSMENT)

Democratic priorities: Supports health awareness, destigmatization of neurological conditions, and public education. Republican priorities: Constrained spending (no new appropriations), minimal federal role, respects federalism by not mandating state or private action.

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