

Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, Rett Syndrome is a childhood neurodevelopment disorder that almost exclusively affects girls. Although it is present at birth, symptoms usually do not develop until children are between the ages of 6 to 18 months; and
- WHEREAS, Some of the first symptoms of Rett Syndrome include problems crawling or walking, diminished eye contact, and, eventually, interference with body movement; and
- WHEREAS, There is no known cure for Rett Syndrome, but symptoms can be treated with medication. Also, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, and hydrotherapy can prolong mobility; and
- WHEREAS, There is still much to be learned about Rett Syndrome, but there have been significant advances in diagnosis and promising research. To promote greater awareness of this disorder and the need for more study of it, a campaign will be conducted in the month of October; and
- WHEREAS, I encourage Kentucky citizens to support those affected by Rett Syndrome, their families, and the medical professionals who provide them with quality medical care. We can make a difference for Kentucky citizens in the future by acting now;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim October 2009 as

RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

in Kentucky, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 21st day of August, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Nine and in the 218th year of the Commonwealth.

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