



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Rett Syndrome is a childhood neurodevelopment disorder that almost exclusively affects girls; and

WHEREAS, 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 have much to learn about Rett Syndrome, but there have been significant advances in diagnosis and in 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, at this time, I encourage Tennessee 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 Tennessee citizens in the future by acting now;

WHEREAS, I, Phil Bredesen, Governor of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 2009 as

RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this 4th day of September, 2009.

Phil Bredesen

Governor

Lee Hargrett