

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- 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 some symptoms can be treated with medication, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, and hydrotherapy; and
- WHEREAS,** There is still much to be learned about Rett Syndrome, but there have been significant advances in diagnosis and promising research since the discovery of the gene causing Rett Syndrome by Dr. Hulda Zoghbi in 1999; and
- WHEREAS,** Rett Syndrome affects approximately 150 families in Indiana;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim October 27, 2009 as

RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto
set my hand and cause to be affixed the
Great Seal of State. Done at the
City of Indianapolis, this 15th
day of September in the year of our
Lord 2009 and of the Independence
of the United States 233.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

M E Daniels, Jr.