

Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Rett Syndrome is a neurological disorder classified as an autism spectrum disorder that affects almost exclusively females; and

WHEREAS, Rett Syndrome causes regression in development that can lead to lifelong impairment, including loss of speech, purposeful hand use and mobility; and

WHEREAS, Rett Syndrome strikes all racial and ethnic groups, occurring worldwide in about 1-in-10,000 children; and

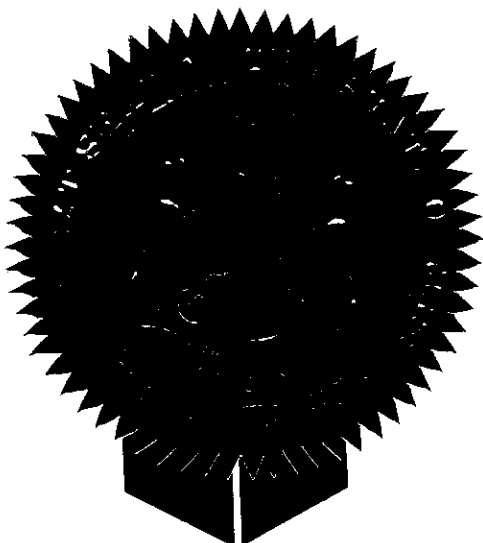
WHEREAS, there is currently no cure for Rett Syndrome, but research offers new hope and promise for diagnosis and treatment.

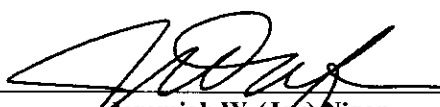
NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2009 to be

RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

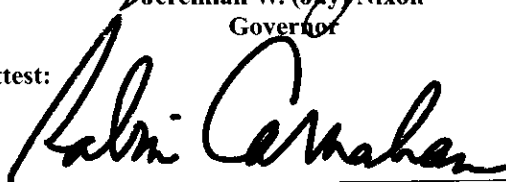
in Missouri and encourage all citizens to support those affected by this disorder, their families and the medical professionals who provide quality medical care and hope for life-changing discoveries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 24th day of September, 2009.




Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor

Attest:


Robin Carnahan
Secretary of State