



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Rett Syndrome is a neurological disorder that occurs almost exclusively in females and affects approximately 1 in every 10,000 to 23,000 female births; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis is critical to the long term health of girls affected by Rett Syndrome and some early symptoms can include problems crawling or walking, diminished eye contact, and eventually, interference with body movement; and

WHEREAS, there is no cure for Rett Syndrome, but symptoms can be treated with medication and occupational therapy, physiotherapy, and hydrotherapy can prolong mobility; and

WHEREAS, while there have been significant advances in diagnosis, promising research, and increased awareness, Rett Syndrome still remains unrecognized by the public and many in the medical community;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Timothy M. Kaine do hereby recognize October 2009 as **RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Governor

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Timothy M. Kaine, the Governor of Virginia.

Secretary of the Commonwealth

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Katherine A. Hanley, the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Virginia.