



**STATE OF TEXAS
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Rett Syndrome is a childhood neuro-developmental disorder that almost exclusively affects girls. Although it is present at birth, symptoms usually do not develop until children are 6 to 18 months old.

Some of the first symptoms of Rett Syndrome include problems crawling or walking, diminished eye contact and, eventually, interference with body movement.

There is no known cure for Rett Syndrome, but symptoms can be treated with medication. Also, occupational therapy, physiotherapy and hydrotherapy can prolong mobility.

We still have much to learn about Rett Syndrome, but there have been significant advances in diagnosis and research. To promote greater awareness of this disorder and the need for further research, an informational campaign will be conducted in the month of October.

At this time, I encourage Texans to support those affected by Rett Syndrome, along with their families and the medical professionals who provide them with quality health care. By acting now, we can make a difference for Texans in the future.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim October 2010,

Rett Syndrome Awareness Month

in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
26th day of May, 2010.

Rick Perry
Governor of Texas

