

Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Rett syndrome is a unique developmental disorder that is first recognized in infancy and seen almost always in girls, but can be seen in boys; and

WHEREAS, Rett syndrome has been most often misdiagnosed as autism, cerebral palsy, or non-specific developmental delay; and

WHEREAS, Rett syndrome is a developmental disorder that causes mutations to the X chromosome on a gene called MECP2; and

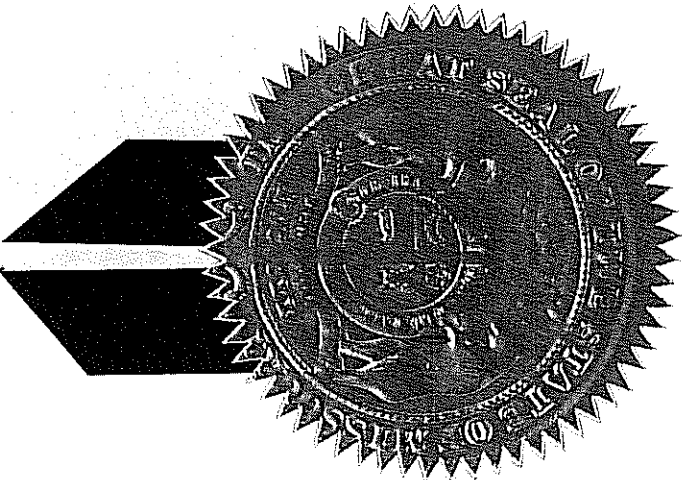
WHEREAS, Rett syndrome causes problems in brain function that are responsible for cognitive, sensory, emotional, motor, and autonomic function; and
WHEREAS, dedicated scientists and researchers from around the United States, as well as around the world, are working to find a cure for Rett syndrome.


NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim October 2010 to be

RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

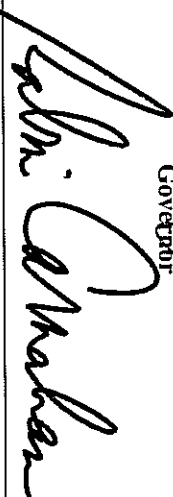
in Missouri.

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 10th day of August, 2010.




Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor

Attest:


John C. Mahan
Secretary of State