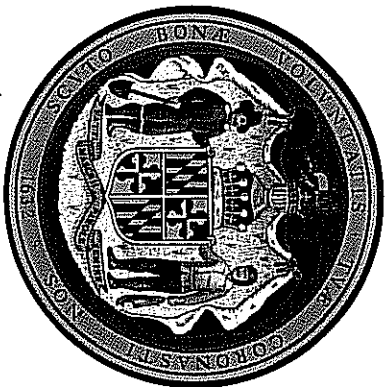


The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2010

WHEREAS, Rett Syndrome Awareness Month is a childhood neurodevelopmental disorder that almost exclusively affects females. Although it is present at birth, symptoms usually do not develop until children are between the ages of 6 to 18 months; and

WHEREAS, Rett Syndrome is caused by a mutation on the X chromosome gene called MECP2. Rett Syndrome is the most debilitating of all the autism spectrum disorders; and


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

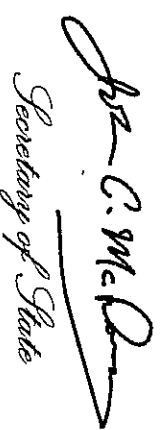
WHEREAS, Maryland recognizes the need for increased research and more public knowledge and awareness of this rare, devastating neurodevelopment disorder for which at this time there is no cure.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 2010 as RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH in Maryland, and do commend this celebration to all of our citizens.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
the 1st day of October
Two Thousand and ten


Governor


Lt. Governor


Secretary of State

