

Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

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

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

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

WHEREAS, We still have much to learn about Rett Syndrome, but there have been significant advances in diagnosis and promising research. To promote greater awareness of this disorder and the need for more study of it, a campaign will be conducted in the month of October; and

WHEREAS, I encourage Kentuckians to support those with Rett Syndrome, their families, and the medical professionals who provide them with quality medical care. We can make a difference in the future of those with this disorder by acting now;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim October 2010 as

RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

in Kentucky.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this
21st day of September, in the year of Our Lord Two
Thousand Ten and in the 219th year of the
Commonwealth.

STEVEN L. BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

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Trey Grayson
Secretary of State

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