

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Rett syndrome is a devastating neurodevelopmental disorder caused by a sporadic, genetic mutation of the MECP2 gene on the X chromosome and mainly affects females; and
- WHEREAS:** Every 2 hours a girl is born with Rett syndrome, but its symptoms usually do not appear until 6-18 months later. This disorder does not just affect those living in the United States it affects families worldwide. It does not discriminate as to race, color or creed, and it has no boundaries; and
- WHEREAS:** Dedicated Scientists and Researchers from around the United States as well as around the world are working hard to find treatments now in advance to finding a cure, this, coming on the heels of the discovery in 2007 of the reversal of Rett symptoms in mice. We are on the brink of finding suitable treatments to help with certain symptoms of this disorder; and
- WHEREAS:** We must continue our efforts in bringing awareness to the medical community, therapists, teachers, caregivers, and the general public as well. We must have funding available for researchers who are dedicated in finding a cure for Rett syndrome. We support this shared mission now more than ever, and together, progress will continue until there is a world with no Rett.

NOW,


THEREFORE: I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **October 2012** to be

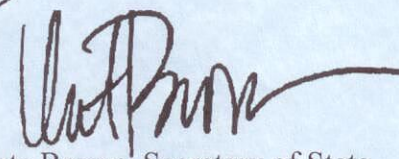
RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, August 22, 2012.




John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor


Kate Brown, Secretary of State