

Janice K. Brewer  
Governor

# Office of the Governor

## \* RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH \*

**WHEREAS**, Rett Syndrome is a devastating neurodevelopmental disorder caused by a mutation of the MECP2 gene that mainly affects females; and

**WHEREAS**, every two hours in the world, a girl is born with Rett Syndrome, but its symptoms usually do not appear until the child is 6 to 18 months of age; and

**WHEREAS**, this disorder affects families worldwide and does not discriminate as to race, color or creed, and it has no boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, girls are generally born healthy, then they begin to show signs of regression such as losing their ability to speak (hence the name "Silent Angels") and walk; performing basic motor skills; and developing seizures and scoliosis; and

**WHEREAS**, apraxia is one of the symptoms, where there is an inability to carry out purposeful movement; and

**WHEREAS**, dedicated scientists and researchers from around the United States, as well as the world, are working hard to find treatments now in advance to finding a cure, and are on the brink of finding suitable treatments to help with certain symptoms of this disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, public awareness of Rett Syndrome is extended to the medical community, therapists, teachers, caregivers, and the general public, and will continue until there is a world with no Rett.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim October 2012 as

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona



*Janice K. Brewer*  
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-seventh day of September in the year Two Thousand and Twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-seventh.

ATTEST:

*Ken Blumett*

Secretary of State