

# STATE OF MICHIGAN



## CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN  
I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

October 2012 as

## RETT (RTT) SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Rett Syndrome (RTT) is a neurodevelopmental disorder that is often misdiagnosed as autism or cerebral palsy, seen during infancy and occurs almost exclusively in females; and,

WHEREAS, infants with RTT usually have normal development for the first 6-18 months prior to experiencing a regression in development and symptoms including floppy arms and legs, which cause problems walking, excessive saliva and drooling and seizures; and,

WHEREAS, apraxia, the inability to perform motor functions, is perhaps the most severely disabling characteristic of RTT as it interferes with every body movement, including eye gaze and speech; and,

WHEREAS, during this month, we raise awareness of RTT in the Great Lakes State; we encourage citizens to learn more about this genetic disorder and to support continued research for treatments and a RTT cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim October 2012 as Rett Syndrome (RTT) Awareness Month in Michigan.



A blue ink signature of Rick Snyder.

Rick Snyder  
Governor

