



Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Rett syndrome is a genetic neurological disorder that occurs almost exclusively in females; and

WHEREAS, Rett syndrome affects 1 in 10,000 live female births and is found in all racial and ethnic groups throughout the world and in every socio-economic class; and

WHEREAS, early developmental milestones appear normal, but between six to 18 months of age, there is a delay or regression in development, particularly affecting speech, hand skills and coordination. A hallmark of Rett syndrome is repetitive hand movements that may become almost constant while awake. Other features may include seizures, irregular breathing, swallowing difficulties, deceleration of head circumference with age, and curvature of the spine; and

WHEREAS, those diagnosed with Rett syndrome require maximum assistance with daily living activities; and

WHEREAS, many individuals with Rett syndrome live well into adulthood. There is currently no cure; and


WHEREAS, with the discovery of the gene that causes Rett syndrome, research proves the theory of reversibility of the disease and is leading to the discovery of breakthrough testing models and the launch of multiple disease-modifying human clinical trials.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Eric R. Greitens, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim October 2017 to be

RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH IN MISSOURI

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 21st day of September, 2017.




Eric R. Greitens
Governor

Attest:

Secretary of State