



**PROCLAMATION**  
*Presented by Chairwoman Dianne Jacob*

**HONORING RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH**

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

*WHEREAS, every two hours a girl is born with Rett syndrome, but its symptoms usually do not appear until six to eighteen months of age; and*

*WHEREAS, those with Rett syndrome can suffer lifelong impairments with multiple challenges such as speech difficulties, seizures, scoliosis, irregular breathing patterns, and near constant repetitive hand movements while awake; and*

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

*WHEREAS, the disorder is not degenerative and biomedical research is proving the neurological symptoms could be reversed even after decades of severe symptoms; and*

*WHEREAS, with the discovery of the gene that causes Rett syndrome (1999), research in the lab that proves the theory of reversibility of the disease (2007), the discovery of breakthrough testing models (2010) and the launch of multiple disease-modifying human clinical trials (present), we have now reached an unprecedented and historic moment in time where we must do everything possible to fund the truly life-changing research in front of us; and*

*WHEREAS, rettsyndrome.org (IRSF) is the world's largest private source of funds for Rett syndrome research addressing the full spectrum of this developmental disorder while advocating to improve the quality of life for the patients and their families; and*

*WHEREAS, the County of San Diego is committed to recognizing and honoring those causes that are dedicated to greater awareness that will one day lead to a cure, and Rett Syndrome Awareness Month is one such worthy cause; NOW THEREFORE,*

**BE IT PROCLAIMED** by Chairwoman Dianne Jacob and all members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors that they do hereby declare the month of October 2017 to be **"RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH"** throughout San Diego County.



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