

# November's Proclamation



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

**WHEREAS**, every 2 hours a girl is born with Rett syndrome, but symptoms usually do not appear until 6 to 18 months after birth; and

**WHEREAS**, girls with Rett syndrome show signs of developmental regression or stagnation. A regression period leads to lifelong impairments with multiple dysfunctions including loss of speech, seizures, scoliosis and for many, irregular breathing patterns. More than half of the girls and women affected by Rett syndrome lose the ability to walk. Constant repetitive hand movements while awake are an indicator of Rett syndrome; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the disorder is not degenerative and biomedical research suggests that it could be reversed even after decades; and

**WHEREAS**, dedicated researchers around the world are working to find a cure for the disorder as well as treatments to delay and even reverse the symptoms. Rettsyndrome.org 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**, eliminating Rett syndrome includes raising the awareness of the medical community, caregivers, elected officials and the public and to increase funding to support these research efforts.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW H. MEAD**, Governor of the State of Wyoming do hereby proclaim October, 2017 as

## **RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH**

in Wyoming.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Executive Seal of the Governor of Wyoming to be affixed this 2 day of October, 2017.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Mead".

Matthew H. Mead  
Governor