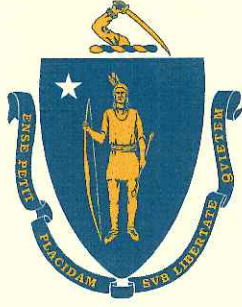


# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

*Whereas, Rett syndrome is a devastating neurological disorder caused by a sporadic, genetic mutation of the MECP2 gene on the X chromosome and mainly affects females; and*

*Whereas, Rett syndrome strikes all racial and ethnic groups, and occurs worldwide in 1 of every 10,000 female births and rarer in male births; and*

*Whereas, Rett syndrome affects every aspect of life: communication, learning, movement, hand use, eating, cardiac function, digestion and breathing; and*

*Whereas, Dedicated scientists and researchers from around the world are working to find treatments and a cure for Rett syndrome, and increased awareness of Rett syndrome is essential to provide necessary funding for this research; and*

*Whereas, It is vital to bring Rett syndrome awareness to the medical community, teachers, therapists, caregivers and the general public so that those with Rett syndrome receive the highest quality care,*

*Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2018, to be,*

## RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

*And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.*

*Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this First Day of October, in the year two thousand and eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-second.*

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Handwritten signature of Charles D. Baker in blue ink.

CHARLES D. BAKER  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of Karyn E. Polito in blue ink.

KARYN E. POLITO  
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of William Francis Galvin in blue ink.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

*God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*