

*The State of New Hampshire*  
*By His Excellency*  
*Christopher T. Sununu, Governor*

*A Proclamation*

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eighteen

**RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH**  
**OCTOBER 2018**

*WHEREAS*, Rett Syndrome is a neurological developmental disorder, caused by mutations in the X chromosome on a gene called MECP2, occurring almost exclusively in females; and

*WHEREAS*, Rett Syndrome occurs worldwide in 1 in every 10,000 female births, with the incidence in males being unknown; and

*WHEREAS*, Rett Syndrome is often misdiagnosed as autism or cerebral palsy and causes problems in brain function affecting learning, speech, sensory detections, mood, movement, breathing, chewing, swallowing and digestion; and

*WHEREAS*, the symptoms of Rett Syndrome do not appear until 6 to 18 months of age, when there is a slowing or stagnation of skills; and

*WHEREAS*, while there is currently no cure for Rett Syndrome, symptoms can be treated with medication and therapy; and

*WHEREAS*, advances in scientific research have been made but awareness and education is still needed as the search for a cure for Rett Syndrome continues;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR** of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **OCTOBER 2018** as **RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of New Hampshire, and call this to the attention of all citizens.



*IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of New Hampshire to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

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Christopher T. Sununu  
Governor