

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

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 symptoms usually do not appear until 6 to 18 months after birth; and

Whereas, a regression period may lead to lifelong impairments, with multiple dysfunctions: speech is lost, seizures can develop, and scoliosis occurs; many develop irregular breathing patterns, and more than half lose their ability to walk; and

Whereas, biomedical research is proving that neurological symptoms could be reversed, even after decades of severe symptoms; and

Whereas, it is important to increase awareness in the medical community among therapists, teachers, caregivers and the general public; and

Whereas, funding is needed for research dedicated to improving the quality of life of Rett Syndrome patients and finding a cure;

Now, Therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 2018 as

"Rett Syndrome Awareness Month"

in the state of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 24th day of September in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and tenth year.



Melody Wright
Acting Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR