

Governor'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, 2018 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 25 day of September, 2018.




Matthew H. Mead
Governor