

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA  
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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 its symptoms usually do not appear until the child is 6 to 18 months of age; and

**WHEREAS**, a regression period leads to lifelong impairment with multiple dysfunctions: speech is lost, seizures can develop and scoliosis occurs, many develop irregular breathing patterns, and more than half of the girls and women lose their ability to walk. The hallmark sign of Rett Syndrome is near constant repetitive hand movements while awake; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the disorder is not degenerative and biomedical research is proving that neurological symptoms could be reversed even after decades of severe symptoms; and

**WHEREAS**, with the discovery of the gene that causes Rett Syndrome (1999), research in the lab that proves the theory of reversibility of the disease (2007), the discovery of breakthrough testing models (2010) and the launch of multiple disease-modifying human clinical trials (present), we now reach an unprecedented and historic moment in time where we must support the truly life-changing research in front of us; and

**WHEREAS**, we must continue our efforts in bringing awareness to the medical community, therapists, teachers, caregivers, and the general public as well. We must support researchers who are dedicated in finding a cure for Rett Syndrome. We support this shared mission now more than ever, and together, progress will continue until there is a world without Rett Syndrome.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim October 2017 as

**RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH**



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

*Douglas A. Ducey*  
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this eighth day of August in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Second.

ATTEST: *Michele Reagan*

SECRETARY OF STATE