

The City of Boston



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** *Rett Syndrome is a devastating neurological disorder that mainly affects females. Rett Syndrome strikes all racial and ethnic groups, and occurs worldwide in 1 of every 10,000 female births; AND*
- WHEREAS:** *Though rare, Rett Syndrome in male births is often more debilitating and typically results in drastically shorter life spans averaging not more than 2.5 years of age; AND*
- WHEREAS:** *Rett Syndrome affects every aspect of life: communication, learning, movement, hand use, eating, cardiac function, digestion and even 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;*
NOW
- THEREFORE,** *I, Martin J. Walsh, Mayor of the City of Boston, do hereby proclaim October 2017 to be:*

Rett Syndrome Awareness Month *in the City of Boston*

I encourage all citizens to gain a greater understanding of this condition and to support education and research to help those with Rett syndrome. Through the mutual efforts of many, progress will be made to find better treatments and one day a cure for Rett syndrome.

Mayor of Boston
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