



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Rett Syndrome is a postnatal genetic neurological disorder that occurs almost exclusively in females; and

WHEREAS, a regression period leads to lifelong impairments with multiple dysfunctions including loss of speech, seizures and scoliosis, irregular breathing patterns and, in more than half of child patients, loss of their ability to walk; and

WHEREAS, although a rare disorder, there are over 80 Rett patients living in Colorado suffering from many symptoms and being helped at the Rett Clinic at Children's Hospital Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the last 20 years have seen many breakthroughs, with the discovery of the gene that causes Rett Syndrome in 1999, research in the lab that demonstrates the reversibility of the disease in 2007, and the discovery of breakthrough testing in vitro models in 2010; 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, including scientists and doctors at the Children's Hospital Colorado; and

WHEREAS, eliminating Rett Syndrome includes raising awareness in the medical community and among caregivers, elected officials, and the public and supporting these research efforts;

Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, October 2018 as

RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of October, 2018



John W. Hickenlooper
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Governor