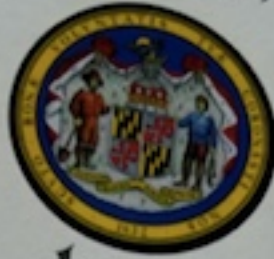


# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

### RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2017

- WHEREAS, Rett Syndrome is a childhood neurodevelopmental disorder that almost exclusively affects females. Although it is present at birth, symptoms usually do not develop until children are between the age of 6 months to 18 months; and
- WHEREAS, Rett Syndrome is caused by a mutation on the X chromosome gene called MECP2. Rett Syndrome is the most debilitating of all the autism spectrum disorders; and
- WHEREAS, There is no known cure for Rett Syndrome, but symptoms can be treated with medication. Also, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, and hydrotherapy can prolong mobility; and
- WHEREAS, Maryland recognizes the need for increased public knowledge and awareness of this rare, devastating neurodevelopmental disorder.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 2017 as RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,  
this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October  
Two Thousand and seventeen

*Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.*  
Governor

*Robert H. Lathrop*  
Lt. Governor

*John C. Wolk*  
Secretary of State