

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Every year, about 4 or 5 girls are born with Rett syndrome in Oregon, but their symptoms usually do not appear until 6 to 18 months of age; and
- WHEREAS:** A regression period leads to lifelong impairments 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 working to prove that neurological symptoms could be reversed even after decades of severe symptoms; and
- WHEREAS:** Rett syndrome research addressing the full spectrum of this developmental disorder is being conducted at Oregon Health Sciences University.

NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **October 2018** to be

RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, October 10, 2018.



Kate Brown

Kate Brown, Governor

Dennis Richardson

Dennis Richardson, Secretary of State