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Although a cure for Rett syndrome has yet to be found, scientists have identified the cause as a genetic disorder that comes from mutations on the X chromosomes. The disorder can be treated with medication, while occupational therapy, physiotherapy and hydrotherapy can improve children's mobility. There is still much to learn about this syndrome, but there have been significant advances in diagnoses and research.

That is why, during October, a campaign is conducted to promote greater awareness of this disorder and the need for more clinical research that will help improve the lives of young Texans affected by this disorder.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to become aware of Rett syndrome and to support those affected by it, as well as their families and the medical professionals who provide them with quality care.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim October 2018 to be

Rett Syndrome Awareness Month



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
10th day of August, 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Greg Abbott".

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