



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Rett syndrome is a rare neurological disorder caused by chromosome mutations which result in a wide range of mild to severe disabilities; and

WHEREAS, there is no cure and no known way to prevent Rett syndrome as the genetic mutation that causes the disease occurs randomly; and

WHEREAS, Rett syndrome occurs in one of every 10,000 female births worldwide and is even rarer among boys; and

WHEREAS, symptoms usually do not appear until six to eighteen months after birth, leading to a regression of motor skills acquired in infancy; and

WHEREAS, a hallmark sign of Rett syndrome is near-constant repetitive hand movements and other symptoms include delayed developmental growth, loss of speech, loss of mobility, scoliosis, breathing issues and seizures; and

WHEREAS, treatment for the disorder focuses on the management of symptoms, and those diagnosed with Rett syndrome typically require maximum assistance with daily living requirements; and

WHEREAS, ongoing research on the complexity of Rett syndrome and reversibility of the disorder, breakthrough testing and clinical trials, and development of habilitative therapies and treatments have made progress in transforming the lives of all those affected by Rett syndrome;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 2020 as

“RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH”

in Hawai'i and encourage citizens of the Aloha State to join me in raising awareness and recognizing the medical professionals who are dedicated to finding a cure and the caregivers who are committed to improving quality of life for individuals with this disorder.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-fifth day of September 2020.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i