



Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, every two hours, a girl is born with Rett syndrome, but symptoms usually do not appear until six to eighteen months later, leading to a regression of motor skills; and

WHEREAS, Rett syndrome affects learning, speech, sensory sensations, mobility, breathing, cardiac function, chewing, swallowing, and digestion; and

WHEREAS, a hallmark sign of Rett syndrome is near constant repetitive hand movements while awake; and

WHEREAS, those diagnosed with Rett syndrome typically require maximum assistance with daily living requirements; and

WHEREAS, the disorder is not degenerative, and biomedical research in mice suggests that neurological symptoms may be reversed even after decades of severe symptoms; and

WHEREAS, in the past two decades, discovery of the gene that causes Rett syndrome, research proving the reversibility of the disease, and breakthrough testing in vitro models have led to six disease-modifying human clinical trials with more in the pipeline;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 2019 as

"RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to advocate in support of the work that families of children with Rett syndrome and medical professionals are undertaking to cure this disorder.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eleventh day of October 2019.

JOSHUA B. GREEN
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i