



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Rett Syndrome is a childhood neurodevelopmental disorder that almost exclusively affects girls, and, although it is present at birth, symptoms usually do not develop until children are between the ages of 6 to 18 months; and

WHEREAS, some of the first symptoms of Rett Syndrome may include problems crawling or walking, diminished eye contact, and, eventually, interference with body movement; and

WHEREAS, there is no known cure for Rett Syndrome, but symptoms can be treated with medication, and physical, occupational, and communication therapies,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 2012 as

RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this 1st day of October, 2012.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bill Haslam", written over a horizontal line.

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joe Ruggitt", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State

