



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Rett Syndrome is a neurodevelopmental disorder caused by a genetic mutation that almost exclusively affects females; and

**WHEREAS**, the symptoms of Rett Syndrome typically do not appear until the child is between 6 and 18 months of age, affecting every aspect of their development, including speech, motor skills, eye contact, and loss of purposeful hand movement; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no cure or treatment for Rett Syndrome. Pharmaceutical research has produced the first oral medication which will be reviewed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) later this year; and

**WHEREAS**, significant research has produced genetic advances in the field of RNA editing, and the ability to activate inactive genes, however, there is no curative treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, while there is still much to be learned about Rett Syndrome, there are now 15 Centers of Excellence in the U.S. conducting research;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October, 2022 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 thirty first day of October 2022.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Lu Hargett*

Secretary of State