



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

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

WHEREAS, some of the first symptoms of Rett Syndrome may include problems with speech, eye contact, purposeful hand movements, and eventually interference with body movement; and

WHEREAS, there is no known cure or treatment for Rett Syndrome, but symptoms may be reduced or improved with medication, physical, occupational and communication therapies; and

WHEREAS, while there is still much to learn about Rett Syndrome, significant advances and progress are being made in research;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Bill Haslam, Governor of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2014, 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 twenty-eighth day of August, 2014.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bill Haslam".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joe Berges".

Secretary of State