



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 2015, 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-fourth day of August, 2015.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

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Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Rugeley in blue ink.

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Secretary of State

