



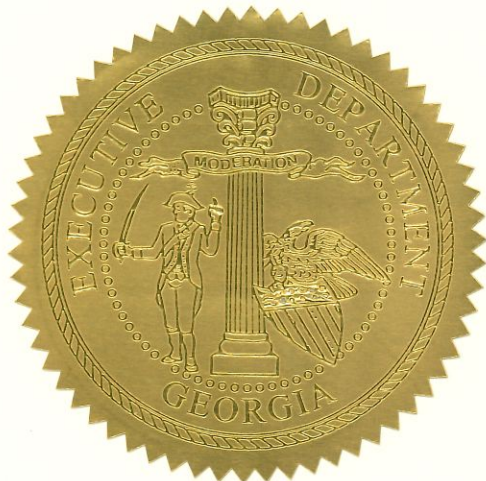
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Rett syndrome is a postnatal genetic neurological disorder that occurs almost exclusively in females (and even more rarely in males). Every 2 hours a girl is born with Rett syndrome, but its symptoms usually do not appear until 6 to 18 months. However, biomedical research in mice suggests that neurological symptoms may be reversed even after decades of severe symptoms; and
- WHEREAS:** A regression period leads to lifelong impairments with multiple dysfunctions: speech is lost, seizures can develop, scoliosis occurs, many develop irregular breathing patterns, and more than half of the girls and women lose their ability to walk. The hallmark sign of Rett syndrome is near constant repetitive hand movements while awake; and
- WHEREAS:** Those diagnosed with Rett syndrome require maximum assistance with daily living activities; and
- WHEREAS:** Rettsyndrome.org is the world's largest private source of funds for Rett syndrome research addressing the full spectrum of this developmental disorder while advocating to improve the quality of life for the patients and their families; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia encourages its citizens to engage in activities to bring awareness of Rett Syndrome in order to continue work towards finding a cure; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 8th day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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