

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Rett Syndrome is a debilitating neurological disorder; and

WHEREAS, Rett Syndrome is caused by a single gene mutation that disrupts brain development; and

WHEREAS, Rett Syndrome occurs in one of every 10,000 to 15,000 births, and mostly affects females; and

WHEREAS, children with Rett Syndrome usually begin to exhibit symptoms between six months and 18 months of age; and

WHEREAS, children with Rett Syndrome lose acquired skills, including their ability to walk and speak; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness of Rett Syndrome will lead to better understanding of the disorder and the challenges faced by those living with the syndrome;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October, 2014 as

RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Vermont

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 10th day of September, A.D. 2014



A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'P' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

Peter Shumlin
Governor