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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, Rett syndrome is a genetic neurological disorder that occurs almost exclusively in females; and

Whereas, every 2 hours a girl is born with Rett syndrome, but symptoms usually do not appear until 6 to 18 months after birth; and

Whereas, a regression period leads to lifelong impairments with multiple dysfunctions: speech is lost, seizures can develop and scoliosis occurs, many develop irregular breathing patterns, and more than half lose their ability to walk; and

Whereas, biomedical research is proving that neurological symptoms could be reversed even after decades of severe symptoms; and

Whereas, it is important to increase awareness in the medical community among therapists, teachers, caregivers, and the general public; and

Whereas, funding is needed for research dedicated to improving the quality of life of Rett Syndrome patients and finding a cure;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 2015 as

"Rett Syndrome Awareness Month"

in the state of Oklahoma.

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In Witness Whereof, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.*

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 27th *day of* October *, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and* fifteen *and of the State of Oklahoma in the* one hundred and seventh year.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin

GOVERNOR