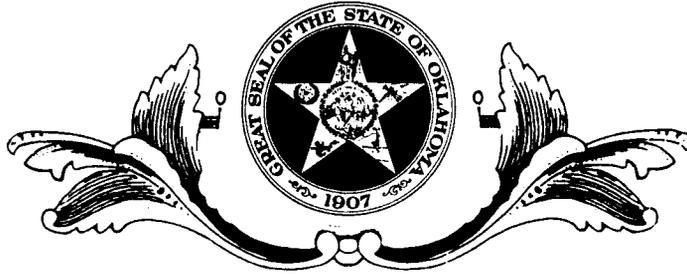


# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



## 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 may lead 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

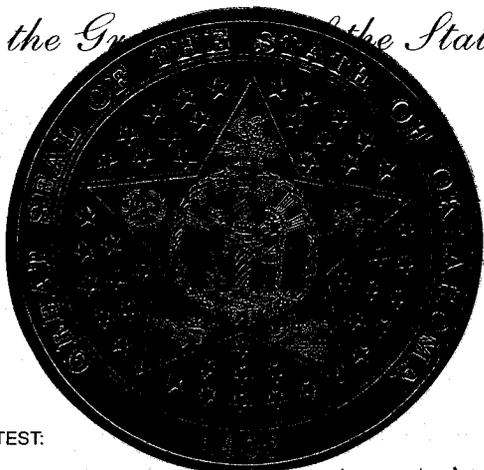
**Whereas**, funding is needed for research dedicated to improving the quality of life of Rett Syndrome patients and finding a cure;

**Now, Therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor**, do hereby proclaim October 2016 as

### **"Rett Syndrome Awareness Month"**

in the state of Oklahoma.

*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 26<sup>th</sup> day of September in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and eightieth year.*

*Mary Fallin*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Acting Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE

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