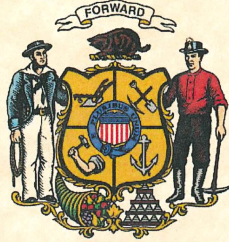


# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; Rett Syndrome is a rare neurological disorder that occurs most frequently in women, affecting approximately one in 10,000 to 15,000 live female births; and

*WHEREAS*; Rett Syndrome affects parts of the brain that control functions like speech, learning, movement, swallowing, and digestion, among others, and is caused by a genetic mutation that causes those affected to lose the ability to speak and walk, lose control of their hands, have seizures and digestive problems, and develop scoliosis; and

*WHEREAS*; girls born with Rett Syndrome gradually show signs of the disorder starting at about six months; and

*WHEREAS*; scientists and researchers in the United States, including those at the University of Wisconsin – Madison's Waisman Center, are working to find treatments and a cure for Rett Syndrome; and

*WHEREAS*; the state of Wisconsin is committed to building a healthcare system that works for every Wisconsinite, and joins the International Rett Syndrome Foundation and Rett Syndrome patients and advocates throughout the country to raise awareness about Rett Syndrome in the medical community and amongst the general public;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the state of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim October 2019 as

## RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused the  
Great Seal of the state of Wisconsin to  
be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the  
City of Madison this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October  
2019.

*Tony Evers*  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Douglas La Follette*  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State