

City of Michigan City

Indiana



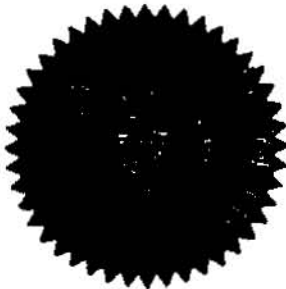
Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** Rett syndrome is a childhood neurodevelopment disorder that almost exclusively affects girls. Although it is present at birth, symptoms usually do not develop until children are between the ages of 6 to 18 months; and
- WHEREAS,** some of the first symptoms of Rett syndrome include problems crawling or walking, diminished eye contact, and, eventually, interference with body movement; and
- WHEREAS,** there is no known cure for Rett syndrome, but some symptoms can be treated with medication, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, and hydrotherapy; and
- WHEREAS,** there is still much to be learned about Rett syndrome, but there have been significant advances in diagnosis and promising research since the discovery of the gene causing Rett Syndrome by Dr. Hulda Zoghbi in 1999; and
- WHEREAS,** Rett syndrome strikes all racial and ethnic groups, and occurs worldwide in 1 of every 10,000 to 23,000 female births; and
- WHEREAS,** Rett syndrome affects approximately 150 families in Indiana.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Charles E. Oberle, Mayor of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, do hereby proclaim October 27, 2009 as:

RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

In the City of Michigan City and I encourage all citizens to embrace the children affected with Rett syndrome and help us reach for a cure.

DATED THIS 27TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2009



Handwritten signature of Charles E. Oberle in black ink.

Charles E. Oberle, Mayor
City of Michigan City

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Thomas F. Fedder in black ink.

Thomas F. Fedder, City Clerk