



Proclamation

RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

- Whereas:* Rett Syndrome is a neurological condition that almost exclusively affects females and is believed to occur once in every 10,000 female births, although symptoms do not appear until a regression between 6 and 18 months of age; and
- Whereas:* throughout their lives these courageous children will need total care and constant support from their families; and
- Whereas:* children with Rett Syndrome combat many medical challenges, including seizures, osteoporosis, scoliosis, breath holding, hyperventilation, nutritional problems and apraxia (the inability to plan the necessary steps to achieve purposeful movements) which, along with loss of speech, is among the most challenging symptoms of Rett Syndrome; and
- Whereas:* in 1999 it was discovered that Rett Syndrome is primarily caused by a sporadic mutation in the MECP2 gene on the X chromosome; since then many research projects are taking place across Canada to learn more about Rett Syndrome; and
- Whereas:* as there is no national association, the Rett Syndrome Society of BC (RSSBC) – a non-profit society that helps fund Canadian research into Rett Syndrome and supports, educates and empowers those living with Rett Syndrome and their families – welcomes members from across Canada.

Now therefore, as Mayor of the City of Prince George,

I proclaim **October 2020** as:

“RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH”

in the City of Prince George.

Mayor Lyn Hall
City of Prince George