

-PROCLAMATION-

WHEREAS Rett Syndrome is a neurological condition that is rarely seen in males and

almost exclusively in females, believed to occur in 1:10,000 female births;

AND WHEREAS parents believe they have a healthy child and the symptoms do not

appear until a regression between six to eighteen months of age;

AND WHEREAS throughout their lives these courageous children will need total care and

constant support from their family, they will combat many medical challenges including seizures, osteoporosis, scoliosis, breath holding, hyperventilation, nutritional problems, loss of speech and so much more,

including Apraxia, which is the inability to motor plan;

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, with many

research projects taking place across Canada since this discovery;

AND WHEREAS as there is no Canadian Rett Syndrome Association, the Rett Syndrome

Society of BC (RSSBC) has members from across British Columbia and

Alberta and welcome all those across Canada:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Andy Adams, Mayor of the City of Campbell River, do hereby proclaim October 2020 as:

"RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Campbell River, Province of British Columbia.

Dated this 1st day of September 2020 in Campbell River BC.

Andy Adams MAYOR