

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 429

WHEREAS, Rett Syndrome Awareness Month is being observed in October 2025 to promote better understanding of this developmental disorder; and

WHEREAS, Every two hours, a child is born with Rett syndrome, a rare postnatal genetic neurological disorder that occurs almost exclusively in females; symptoms first appear in infants and toddlers between the ages of 6 to 18 months, followed by a period of regression when motor skills are gradually lost over time; and

WHEREAS, Individuals with Rett syndrome require assistance with daily tasks throughout their lives; more than half of those diagnosed with the condition lose their ability to walk, and many suffer from impairments such as loss of speech, seizures, scoliosis, and irregular breathing patterns; one of the most distinctive signs of Rett syndrome is near constant repetitive hand movements while awake; and

WHEREAS, Biomedical research suggests that neurological symptoms may be reversed even decades after diagnosis; scientists discovered the gene that causes Rett syndrome in 1999, and there have since been several breakthroughs in developing a cure; the first FDA-approved treatment launched in 2023; and

WHEREAS, The International Rett Syndrome Foundation is one of the world's largest private sources of funds for Rett syndrome research; the organization works to address the full spectrum of the disorder while advocating for policies that enhance the quality of life for patients and their families; and

WHEREAS, Rett syndrome is a serious and life-changing condition, and Rett Syndrome Awareness Month serves as a means of rallying support for vital research and resources that can help improve the outlook for those living with the disorder; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby recognize October 2025 as Rett Syndrome Awareness Month and encourage all Texans to learn more about the condition.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on April 24, 2025.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate