



Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

WHEREAS, Rett syndrome is a devastating neurodevelopmental disorder caused by a sporadic, genetic mutation of the MECP2 gene on the X chromosome and mainly affects females; and

WHEREAS, every two hours a girl is born with Rett syndrome, but its symptoms usually do not appear until six to 18 months later; and

WHEREAS, girls with Rett syndrome are generally born healthy, they begin to show signs of regression or stagnation of milestones that would otherwise be routinely accomplished; and

WHEREAS, those with Rett syndrome lose their ability to speak, walk, and control their hands and may develop seizures and scoliosis; and

WHEREAS, due to the genetic mutation, apraxia is one of the most severe handicaps associated with Rett syndrome, causing an inability to carry out learned, purposeful movement; and

WHEREAS, in advance of finding a cure for Rett syndrome, researchers and scientists from around the world are working to find treatments and in 2007, scientists discovered the reversal of Rett syndrome symptoms in mice; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness of Rett Syndrome is essential to providing the necessary funding for those who are dedicated to finding a cure.

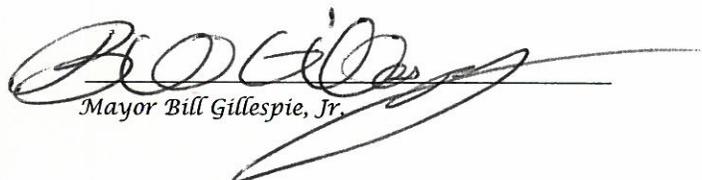
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Gillespie, Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, Alabama do hereby proclaim October 2012, as

RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

in Prattville, Alabama, encourage all citizens to gain a greater understanding of this disease, and support education and the funding of research programs to find a cure.



*Given under My Hand and the Seal of the City of
Prattville on the 1st day of October 2012.*


Mayor Bill Gillespie, Jr.