

City of Burnaby



Proclamation

RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

Whereas Rett Syndrome is a neurological condition that is rarely seen in males but is seen almost exclusively in females and is believed to occur in 1:10,000 female births. 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. They may have seizures, osteoporosis, scoliosis, breath holding, hyperventilation, nutritional problems and so much more. Apraxia, which is the inability to motor plan, is one of the most challenging aspects of Rett Syndrome along with loss of speech; 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, and since this discovery there are many research projects taking place across Canada; and

WHEREAS As there is no Canadian Rett Syndrome Association, the Rett Syndrome Society of BC (R.S.S.B.C.) has members from all across BC and Alberta and welcome all those across Canada.

NOW THEREFORE I, MIKE HURLEY, MAYOR OF BURNABY,
DO HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER AS

“RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH”

IN THE CITY OF BURNABY.

Dated this Twenty-eighth Day
of September, 2020 A.D.

MIKE HURLEY
MAYOR

