



Proclamation

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 the 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 welcomes members from across Canada;

AND WHEREAS

all citizens are urged to make an effort to learn more about Rett Syndrome, fight stigma, light Canada purple, and wear a purple ribbon to show support;

NOW, THEREFORE

the Council of the City of Port Moody does hereby declare the month of October, 2020 as

“RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH”

Dated this 8th day of September, 2020