



RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2020

WHEREAS Rett Syndrome (RS) is a neurological disorder that 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 Ontario and Canada; and,

WHEREAS as there is no Canadian Rett Syndrome Association, the Ontario Rett Syndrome Association (O.R.S.A.) has members from many provinces across Canada and through donations and fundraising efforts. O.R.S.A. finances the Canadian Rett Syndrome Registry, has funded over \$500,000 in Canadian Rett syndrome research projects, and financially supports the 3 Rett Clinics in Ontario, with one in Ottawa, Toronto and London. The Rett Syndrome clinics provide direct critical support to the families and their child on care and management issues.

Now Therefore be it resolved that I, Floyd Pinto, Mayor of the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio do hereby proclaim October 2020 as Rett Syndrome Awareness Month in the Township of Adjala – Tosorontio.

Dated this 1st day of October 2020.