

RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

October 2026

WHEREAS, Rett syndrome is a rare neurological disorder that occurs predominantly in females, affecting approximately 1 in 10,000 female births, but can also affect males. Individuals with Rett syndrome typically experience a period of apparently typical early development followed by changes in development, movement, communication and other abilities;

AND WHEREAS, Rett syndrome can affect nearly every aspect of daily life and is associated with challenges involving communication, mobility, seizures, breathing, nutrition, scoliosis, sleep and other health concerns. Individuals living with Rett syndrome can understand and engage with the world around them and have much to contribute to their families, schools and communities;

AND WHEREAS, Rett syndrome is most commonly caused by changes in the *MECP2* gene on the X chromosome, and significant research continues in Canada and around the world to better understand Rett syndrome and advance treatments, care and potential therapies;

AND WHEREAS, the Ontario Rett Syndrome Association of Canada (ORSA Canada) has supported individuals living with Rett syndrome and their families since 1991 through awareness, education, advocacy, research and access to specialized care;

AND WHEREAS, ORSA Canada supports the Canadian Rett Syndrome Registry, Rett syndrome clinics and Canadian research while connecting families, clinicians, researchers and communities across the country;

AND WHEREAS, Rett Syndrome Awareness Month provides an opportunity to recognize children and adults living with Rett syndrome, celebrate their abilities and potential, support their families and caregivers, and raise awareness of the importance of research, accessible care, inclusion and meaningful participation in our communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Council of the Town of Pelham hereby proclaims the month of October as Rett Syndrome Awareness Month in the Town of Pelham.

DATED AT the Town of Pelham, this 7th day of October 2026.



Mayor Marvin Junkin
Town of Pelham