

## Attachment 1



Ontario  
Rett Syndrome  
Association  
Building Healthy Tomorrows



Honorable Maurizio Bevilacqua  
Mayor  
Vaughan City Hall  
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### Request for Proclamation

Dear Mayor / Council Member Bevilacqua

On behalf of the Ontario Rett Syndrome Association (O.R.S.A), and the 11 diagnosed individuals living in the City of Vaughan, I am writing to request your proclamation of the month of October as Rett Syndrome Awareness Month.

Rett Syndrome is a rare neurodevelopment condition that affects mainly females (1 in 10,000 births) and is caused by a mutation in the X chromosome. Individuals with Rett syndrome will lose some if not most acquired skills including speech, and gross and fine motor skills. Some never develop the ability to walk or even talk.

O.R.S.A. exists to ensure that children and adults with Rett syndrome are enabled to achieve their full potential and enjoy the highest quality of life within their community.

This observance gives us a means to focus attention in making it possible for O.R.S.A. to continue public awareness and advocacy, provide parent/family support, operate the Resource Centre, fund research projects through the Hope Fund, host conferences, maintain the Canadian Rett Syndrome Registry, and fund three Rett syndrome clinics in Ontario that provide medical assistance.

If you need anything further, please don't hesitate to contact me by email: [smiguel@rett.ca](mailto:smiguel@rett.ca) or phone at 519-474-6877.

Thank you for taking the time to consider recognizing and supporting O.R.S.A. as we strive to build "healthy tomorrows" for all Canadians living with Rett syndrome.

Sincerely,

Steve Miguel  
Marketing Committee  
Ontario Rett Syndrome Association