

Honorable Bill Dingwall Mayor 12007 Harris Road, Pitt Meadows, BC V3Y 2B5

August 19th, 2020

Request for Proclamation

Dear Mayor

On behalf of the Rett Syndrome Society of British Columbia (R.S.S.B.C.), and the one diagnosed individuals living in the city of Pitt Meadows, 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.

R.S.S.B.C. 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 R.S.S.B.C. to continue public awareness and advocacy, provide parent/family support, fund research projects, and learning opportunities.

If you need anything further, please don't hesitate to contact me by email: christineaw@rettbc.ca or phone at 604-468-4705.

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

Sincerely,

Christinea Walker Presient Rett Syndrome Society of BC