PROCLAMATION

Rett Syndrome Awareness Month

WHEREAS: Rett syndrome is a rare genetic neurological disorder that occurs almost exclusively in girls and leads to severe impairments. Rett syndrome occurs worldwide in 1 of every 10,000 female births.

In 1999, it was discovered that Rett Syndrome is primarily caused by a sporadic mutation in the MECP2 gene on the X chromosome.

Rett syndrome is usually recognized in children between 6-18 months of age as they begin to miss developmental milestones or lose abilities they had once gained.

Throughout their lives, individuals with Rett Syndrome combat many medical challenges. Apraxia which is the inability to motor plan, is one of the most challenging aspects of Rett Syndrome along with loss of speech.

Through donations and fundraising efforts the Ontario Rett Syndrome Association (O.R.S.A.) has funded over $600,000 in Canadian Rett syndrome research projects and financially supports Rett Clinics.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as “Rett Syndrome Awareness Month” in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton