



# Town of Arnprior

## Proclamation

October 2019 as

**“Rett Syndrome Awareness Month”**

**Whereas** October is Rett Syndrome Awareness Month which aims to bring much needed awareness to Rett Syndrome; and

**Whereas** Rett Syndrome Awareness Month has been recognized by the Government of Canada and listed in their calendar of health promotion; and

**Whereas** Rett Syndrome is a neurodevelopmental condition characterized by the loss of spoken language and hand use, coupled with the development of distinctive hand stereotypies; and

**Whereas** this disorder is congenital, seen in infancy, and occurs almost exclusively in females and is believed to occur in one in every ten thousand female births; and

**Whereas** there is currently no cure but advancements in treatment and research provide thousands of people with hope; and

**Whereas** the Ontario Rett Syndrome Association is a volunteer, non-profit charity for parents, caregivers, researchers, medical professionals and other interested support agencies and individuals; and

**Whereas** this association exists to ensure that children and adults with Rett Syndrome achieve their full potential and enjoy the highest quality of life within their community; and

**Whereas** this month gives us a chance to educate people in our communities about Rett Syndrome and how it impacts those affected and their caregivers.

**Therefore** I, Walter Stack, Mayor of the Town of Arnprior do hereby proclaim October as Rett Syndrome Awareness Month in the Town of Arnprior, and encourage staff and residents to wear purple on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to show their support.

Walter Stack, Town of Arnprior

October 15, 2019

Dated