

Rotary International Proclamation - World Polio Day

WHEREAS, In 1985 Rotary International launched PolioPlus and spearheaded the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF to immunize the children of the world against polio; and

WHEREAS, polio cases have dropped by 99.9 percent since 1979 and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease; and

WHEREAS, To date, Rotary has contributed more than US\$1.5 billion and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries; and

WHEREAS, Rotary is currently working to raise an additional \$200 million toward a \$355 million challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; and

WHEREAS, These efforts are providing much needed operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment and educational materials for health workers and parents; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Rotary has played a major role in decisions by donor governments to contribute \$8 billion to the effort; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of < your club name > is one of over 55 clubs throughout our Rotary District 7680 with over 2,300 members sponsoring service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, health, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment in their local communities, and abroad.

Therefore, I, <name of the mayor> of <your town or city>, do hereby proclaim **October 24, 2022 as World Polio Day** in <city>, <state>, and encourage all citizens to join me and Rotary International in the fight for a polio-free world.