

City of Rochester



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Rotary is a global network with over 1.4 million Rotary members in 46,000 clubs which unites and takes action to create lasting change in communities across the globe; and

WHEREAS, Rotary in 1985 launched PolioPlus and in 1988 helped establish the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which today includes the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance; and

WHEREAS, polio cases have dropped by 99.9 percent since 1988, sparing more than 20 million people from paralysis, and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease; and

WHEREAS, Rotary has played a major role in decisions by donor governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort, and is working to raise an additional \$50 million per year, which will be matched 2:1 for maximum impact by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Rochester, the Greater Rochester Rotary Club and the Rochester Risers Rotary Club have organized fundraising events, scheduled programs with polio survivors, volunteered for Rotary vaccination campaigns, and contribute annually to Rotary's End Polio Now campaign.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Kim Norton, Mayor of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Monday, October 24, 2022 as

World Polio Day

in Rochester and encourage all citizens to join Rotary International and me in the fight for a polio-free world.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the corporate seal of the City of Rochester to be affixed this 17th day of October, 2022.

Kim Norton, Mayor
City of Rochester, Minnesota