



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Rotary is a global network of neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who take action to create lasting change 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, and the Gates Foundation, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, to immunize the children of the world against polio; and

WHEREAS, polio cases have dropped by 99.9 percent since 1988, and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease; and

WHEREAS, to date, Rotary has contributed more than US\$2.8 billion and countless volunteer hours to protecting more than 3 billion children in 122 countries; and

WHEREAS, Rotary is working to raise an additional \$50 million per year, which would be leveraged by an additional \$100 million annually from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; and

WHEREAS, there are over 1.4 million Rotary members in more than 45,000 clubs throughout the world that sponsor service projects in their local communities and abroad and;

WHEREAS, there are four Rotary Clubs based in Santa Rosa that are continuing to support the efforts of Rotary International to eradicate polio and encourage all citizens to join Rotary International in the fight for a polio free world.

NOW, THEREFORE, MAY IT BE RESOLVED, that I, Natalie Rogers, Mayor of the city of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, in recognition of our community, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2024, to be

WORLD POLIO DAY




Mayor Natalie Rogers
October 22, 2024