

PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, there are over 1.2 million Rotary club members comprised of professional and business leaders in over 35,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographic areas, including more than 30 Rotary clubs in the Kansas City region; and,

WHEREAS, the Sunrise Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Lee's Summit are an important part of this community; and,

WHEREAS, the Rotary motto, *Service Above Self*, inspires members to provide humanitarian service, follow high ethical standards, and promote goodwill and peace in the world; and,

WHEREAS, Rotary in 1985 launched PolioPlus and helped to establish the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which today includes the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation 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. To date, Rotary has contributed more than \$2.6 billion and countless volunteer hours to protecting nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries; and,

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William A. Baird, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2025, as

WORLD POLIO DAY

to highlight the progress toward and the importance of eradicating polio worldwide.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, this 21st day of October 2025.

MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD