

# PROCLAMATION



**WHEREAS**, Rotary is a global network of neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who unite and act to create lasting change in communities across the globe; 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 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 Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, to immunize the children of the world against polio; and,

**WHEREAS**, to date, Rotary has contributed more than \$2.2 billion and countless volunteer hours to protecting nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries; and,

**WHEREAS**, these efforts are providing much-needed operational support, medical staff, laboratory equipment, and educational materials for health workers and parents; and,

**WHEREAS**, there are over 1.2 million Rotary members in 36,000 clubs throughout the world that sponsor service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, disease, hunger, illiteracy, and abroad.

**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, 2024 as

## ***WORLD POLIO DAY***

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

**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 15th day of October 2024.

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**MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD**