

Mayor's Proclamation

CITY OF WASHINGTON, MISSOURI

Rotary International

- WHEREAS*, Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who unite and take action 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 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\$1.9 billion and countless volunteer hours to protecting more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries; and
- WHEREAS*, Rotary is working to raise an additional \$50 million per year, which would be leveraged for maximum impact by an additional \$100 million annually from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; and
- WHEREAS*, these efforts are providing much-needed operational support, medical staff, 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 more than \$8 billion to the effort; and
- WHEREAS*, there are over 2,013 Rotary members in 51 clubs throughout the state that sponsor service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, disease, hunger, illiteracy and the environment in their local communities and abroad.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Sandy Lucy, Mayor of the City of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2019 as World Polio Day in Washington, Missouri and encourage all citizens to join me and Rotary International in the fight for a polio-free world.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Washington, Missouri this 7th day of October, 2019.



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