

RESOLUTION NO. 180841

Declaring Wednesday, October 24, 2018, as World Polio Day in Kansas City, Missouri.

WHEREAS, Rotary International, founded on February 23, 1905 in Chicago, Illinois USA, is the world's first and one of the largest non-profit service organizations; and

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 20 Rotary clubs in the Kansas City region; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary motto "Service Above Self" inspires members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and promote good will and peace in the world; and

WHEREAS, Rotary in 1985, launched PolioPlus and spearheaded 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 \$1.8 billion and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two and a half billion children in 122 countries; and

WHEREAS, Rotary is currently 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;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby declare Wednesday, October 24, 2018, as World Polio Day in Kansas City, Missouri; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that a copy hereof be presented to Rotary District 6040 and Rotary District 6040 Governor, Julie McCoy, with the Mayor and Council encouraging all citizens to join in the fight for a polio-free world.

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Authenticated as Passed


Sly James, Mayor


Marilyn Sanders, City Clerk

OCT 25 2018

Date Passed