

Proclamation by the Mayor of Burlington, Kansas

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, Rotary is a global network consisting of over 1.2 million members in more than 35,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographical areas who unite as neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers to 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, 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 \$1.8 billion and countless volunteer hours to protecting two and a half 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, Burlington Rotarians have committed their time, talent and treasure to continue support of PolioPlus until Polio is finally eradicated from the earth,

NOW THEREFORE, I, ROBERT S. LUKE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON, KANSAS, do hereby proclaim the day of October 24th, 2022 as

World Polio Day

In Burlington, Kansas and encourage all citizens to participate in this observance.

By 
Robert S. Luke, Mayor