

# PROCLAMATION

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## Polio Day November 9, 2022

WHEREAS, Rotary is a global network of 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, in 1985, Rotary launched PolioPlus and in 1988, Rotary helped establish the Global Polio Eradication Initiative to immunize the children of the world against polio. Today this initiative includes the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Gavi, and the Vaccine Alliance; 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, Rotary has contributed more than \$2.4 billion and countless volunteer hours, and Rotary is working to raise an additional \$50 million per year, which will 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, protecting nearly 3 billion children across 122 countries; and

WHEREAS, there are over 1.4 million Rotary members in 46,000 clubs throughout the world that support the fight against polio.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Alexander D. Johnson II, Mayor of the City of Albany, do hereby proclaim November 9, 2022, as

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in Albany, and I also call upon residents, to acknowledge the work of Rotary in the eradication of this disease and encourage all to do their part in ensuring the disease is eliminated.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Albany to be affixed this 9th day of November 2022.

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Alexander D. Johnson II, Mayor