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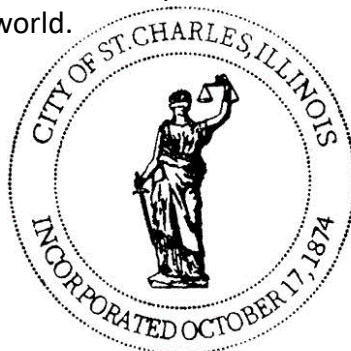
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# PROCLAMATION

## WORLD POLIO DAY

- 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. The Rotary motto, Service Above Self, inspires members to provide humanitarian service, follow high ethical standards, and promote goodwill and peace; 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. 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\$2.2 billion and countless volunteer hours to protecting nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries. 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. These efforts are providing much-needed operational support, medical staff, laboratory equipment, and educational materials for health workers and parents.
- 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 the environment in their local communities and abroad, The St. Charles Breakfast Rotary Club has been a fervent supporter of global polio eradication for many years.

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Lora Vitek, Mayor of the City of St. Charles, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2021, as World Polio Day and encourage all citizens to join Rotary International in the fight for a polio-free world.



Lora A. Vitek, Mayor