

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 21-126

Recognizing World Polio Day and Rotary International Efforts to End Polio

WHEREAS, Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers in 36,000 clubs 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 the PolioPlus vaccination campaign 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\$2.2 billion and countless volunteer hours to protecting nearly 3 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 \$10 billion to the effort; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) on August 25th announced that transmission of the wild poliovirus has officially been stopped in all 47 countries of its African region; and

WHEREAS, there are over 400 Rotary members in ten clubs in Yolo County that sponsor service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, disease, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment in their local community and abroad.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the 24th of October as World Polio Day in Yolo County and encourages all citizens to join them and Rotary International in the fight for a polio-free world.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of October 2021 by the following vote:

AYES: Barajas, Villegas, Saylor, Sandy, Provenza.

Jim Provenza, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors