

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 24-131

Proclaiming October 2024 as World Polio Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million 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, 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, to immunize the children of the world against polio; and

WHEREAS, only seven polio cases have been reported in the world (Afghanistan and Pakistan) this year and Rotary has made a promise to the children of the world to eradicate this disease. Once there are no more new cases, children will continue to need to be vaccinated for three years to ensure the virus does not return; 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 more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries; and

WHEREAS, Rotary's fundraising efforts, including partnerships with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, have raised an additional \$450 million to support the Global Polio Eradication Initiative; 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 \$8 billion to the effort; and

WHEREAS, there are 10 Rotary clubs in Yolo County that sponsor service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, disease, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment in our local community and abroad.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes October 2024 as World Polio Awareness Month and encourage all citizens to join us and Rotary International in the fight for a polio-free world.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of October, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES: Vixie Sandy, Provenza, Barajas, Villegas, Frerichs.

Lucas Frerichs, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors