

Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING OCTOBER 24, 2023 AS

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL 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, and 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, 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\$2.2 billion and countless volunteer hours to protecting nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries and 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, in addition, Rotary has played a major role in decisions by donor governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort; and

WHEREAS, there are over 1.4 million Rotary members in 46,000 clubs throughout the world – including 685 members in 17 clubs in San Mateo County – that sponsor service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, disease, hunger, illiteracy and the environment in their local communities and abroad.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, does hereby designate October 24, 2023, as World Polio Day and encourages all people to join us and Rotary International in the fight for a polio-free world.

Dated: October 17, 2023

SUPERVISORS

DAVE PINE, President

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors