

City of Wheaton, Illinois



PROCLAMATION

World Polio Day 2024

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Wheaton and the Rotary Club of Wheaton A.M. are members of Rotary International, the world's first, and still one of its largest, non-profit service organizations, founded in Chicago, Illinois, in 1905; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary motto "Service Above Self" inspires members to provide humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards, and promotes goodwill and peace in the world; and

WHEREAS, Rotary in 1985 launched PolioPlus and spearheaded 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 all the children of the world against polio; and

WHEREAS, polio cases have dropped by over 99.9 percent since 1988, and the world now stands on the threshold of eradicating this dreaded disease and thereby eliminating the threat of polio-caused paralysis to every child in the world; and

WHEREAS, members of the Rotary Club of Wheaton and the Rotary Club of Wheaton A.M. continue to contribute their time and their resources to support PolioPlus and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative; and

WHEREAS, their efforts are providing much needed operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment and educational materials for health workers and parents.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Wheaton, does hereby proclaim October 24th, 2024, as World Polio Day in Wheaton, and does hereby encourage all residents to join the Rotarians of our local clubs in the fight for a polio-free world.

DATED this 21st day of October 2024.

ATTEST:

The signature of Andrea Rosedale, City Clerk, in blue ink.

City Clerk

The signature of Philip J. Suess, Mayor, in blue ink.

Mayor, Philip J. Suess

