

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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 2024.

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

  
Mayor, Philip J. Suess

