



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: October 22, 2024

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Proclaiming Thursday, October 24, 2024 As World Polio Day In Sonoma County.**

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

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 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 \$2.8 billion and countless volunteer hours to protecting more than 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 \$11 billion to the effort; and

Whereas, there are over 1.4 million Rotary members in more than 45,000 clubs throughout the world that sponsor service projects to address such critical issues as

poverty, disease, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment in their local communities and abroad;

Whereas, there are four Rotary Clubs based in Santa Rosa that are continuing to support the efforts of Rotary International to eradicate polio

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors, does hereby recognize October 24, 2024, as World Polio Day in Sonoma County, California and encourages all citizens to join the Board and Rotary International in the fight for a polio-free world.

Supervisors:

Gorin:	Coursey:	Gore:	Hopkins:	Rabbit:
Ayes:	Noes:	Absent:	Abstain:	

So Ordered.