**TOWN OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, Rotary International, founded on February 23, 1905 in Chicago, Illinois USA, is the world’s first and one of the largest non-profit service organizations; and

WHEREAS, Rotary in 1985 launched PolioPlus and spearheaded the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF 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$1.5 billion and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries; and

WHEREAS, Rotary is currently working to raise at least $35 million per year toward a challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation through 2018; and

WHEREAS, these efforts are providing much needed operational support, medical personnel, 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 $9 billion to the effort; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is one of over 64 clubs throughout our Rotary District 6600 with over 3,590 members sponsoring service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, health, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment in their local communities, and abroad.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Mayor of the Town of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2016 as

**“World Polio Day”**

in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and encourage all citizens to join me and Rotary International in the fight for a polio-free world.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I do hereby set my hand and cause the Seal of the Town to be affixed, this the \_\_\_\_ day of October, 2016.

Mayor Name