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MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION World Polio Day

WHEREAS, Rotary International, founded on February 23, 1905 in Chicago, Illinois USA, (and in Milton, Ontario, Canada in 1947) is the world's first and one of the largest non-profit service organizations

AND WHEREAS, there are over 1.22 million Rotary club members comprised of professional and business leaders in over 34,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographic areas

AND WHEREAS, the Rotary motto "Service Above Self" inspires members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and promote good will and peace in the world

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 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 billion and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries

AND WHEREAS, Rotary has raised an additional \$200 million toward a \$355 million challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

AND WHEREAS, in April 2013 the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will match two-to-one, additional funds, up to US\$35 million per year, every dollar Rotary commits to reduce the funding shortfall for polio eradication 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 \$8 billion to the effort

AND WHEREAS, there are over 20 Rotary club members in the Rotary club in Milton, Ontario, Canada 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 Gordon Krantz of the Town of Milton, do hereby proclaim October 22nd, 2021 as **World Polio Day** in the Town of Milton and encourage all citizens to join myself and Rotary in the effort to eradicate polio worldwide through awareness and action.

Mayor Gordon Krantz
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