

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017, AS WORLD POLIO DAY IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, Rotary International was founded on February 23, 1905, in Chicago, Illinois, and is the world's first and one of the largest non-profit service organizations; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, there are over 1.2 million Rotary club members comprised of professional and business leaders in over 35,000 clubs in 200 countries; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the Rotary motto "Service Above Self" inspires members to provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards, and promote good will and peace in the world; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, in 1985, Rotary launched Polio Plus and spearheaded 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 to immunize the children of the world against polio; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, polio cases have dropped by 99.9 percent since 1988 and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, Rotary is currently working to raise an additional \$150 million, which, if realized, will be tripled by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for a total of up to \$450 million over the next three years; and
- § 7. WHEREAS, Rotary Club members from the four Rotary Clubs in our city, Norman, Sooner, Crosstimbers, and Legacy Rotary Clubs are among millions reaching out on World Polio Day to raise awareness, funds and support to end polio and over the years have contributed more than \$1,374,673 since 1985.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 8. Do hereby proclaimed Tuesday, October 24, 2017, as World Polio Day in the City of Norman and encourage all citizens to join myself and Rotary International in the fight for a polio-free world.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of October, 2017.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk

