



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Rotary International, founded on February 23, 1905 in Chicago, Illinois, is the world's first and one of the largest nonprofit service organizations; and

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 geographic areas; and

WHEREAS, there are over 1,700 Rotary club members throughout the State of Hawai'i sponsoring service projects to address critical issues such as poverty, health, hunger, clean water, illiteracy, and the environment in their local communities and abroad; and

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

WHEREAS, in 1985, Rotary spearheaded the launch of PolioPlus, which is a part of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, along with 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

WHEREAS, Rotary has contributed more than \$1.7 billion and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than 2 billion children in 122 countries; and

WHEREAS, these efforts are providing much-needed operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment and educational materials for health workers and parents; and

WHEREAS, polio cases have dropped by 99.9 percent since 1988, and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2018 as

"WORLD POLIO DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing Rotary International's efforts and support the fight for a polio-free world.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fifteenth day of October 2018.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



DOUGLAS S. CHIN
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i