



City of Campbell River

From the Office of the Mayor

- P R O C L A M A T I O N -

- 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:** 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 Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, to immunize the children of the world against polio;
- AND WHEREAS:** polio cases dropped by 99.9 percent since 1988, with the world now standing on the threshold of eradicating the disease;
- 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:** to date, Rotary has contributed more than US\$2.4 billion and countless volunteer hours to protecting nearly three billion children in 122 countries.
- AND WHEREAS:** Rotary is working to raise an additional \$50 million per year, which will 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:** Rotary has played a major role in decisions by donor governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort;
- AND WHEREAS:** there are over 1.4 million Rotary members in 46,000 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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Kermit Dahl, Mayor of the City of Campbell River, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2023 to be:

"WORLD POLIO DAY"

in the City of Campbell River, Province of British Columbia.

Dated this 11th day of October at Campbell River, BC.



Kermit Dahl
MAYOR