Dauphin

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighours, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change in communities across the globe;

AND WHEREAS in 1985 Rotary launched PolioPlus, and in 1988 helped to establish the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which today includes the World Health Organization (WHO), US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation - 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 thanks in large part to Rotary's contribution of more than $1.9 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries;

AND WHEREAS on August 25, 2020 the WHO declared the African region to be free of wild polio virus, an incredible achievement worth celebrating after a decades-long commitment by Rotarians, their partners, and millions of healthcare workers and supporters;

AND WHEREAS Rotary is working to raise an additional $50 million per year, which would be leveraged for maximum impact by an additional $100 million annually from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation;

AND WHEREAS these efforts are providing much-needed operational support, medical staff, laboratory equipment, and educational materials in the fight for a polio-free world;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF DAUPHIN
DO HEREBY PROCLAIM

October 24, 2026

AS

"World Polio Day"

Dated at the City of Dauphin, in the Province of Manitoba,
this 19th day of October 2026.

Christian Laughland
Deputy Mayor