



**WHEREAS**, Illinois is home to 11,217 Rotarians who are members of 319 Rotary clubs, all of which are members of Rotary International, the world's first and still one of its largest nonprofit service organizations; and,

**WHEREAS**, Rotary International was founded in Chicago, Illinois, in 1905; and,

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

**WHEREAS**, Rotary in 1985 launched PolioPlus and spearheaded 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 all the children of the world against polio; and,

**WHEREAS**, polio cases have dropped by over 99.9 percent since 1988, and the world now stands on the threshold of eradicating this dread disease and thereby eliminating the threat of polio-caused paralysis to every child in the world; and,

**WHEREAS**, members of all Illinois Rotary clubs and Rotary clubs around the nation and world continue to contribute their time and their resources to support PolioPlus and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative; and

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

**THEREFORE**, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2018, as **WORLD POLIO DAY** in Illinois, and encourage all residents to join the Rotarians of our Illinois clubs and clubs across the globe in the fight for a polio-free world.

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.*



*Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,  
this TWENTY-SIXTH day of SEPTEMBER, in  
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and  
EIGHTEEN, and of the State of Illinois,  
two hundredth.*

*Deese White*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Bruce Rauner*  
GOVERNOR