

## Proclamation for World Polio Day 2017

*WHEREAS*, the Rotary Club of McHenry is a member of Rotary International, the world's first, and still one of its largest, non-profit service organizations, founded in Chicago, Illinois, in 1905; and

*WHEREAS*, the Rotary motto "*Service Above Self*" inspires members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, 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 dreaded disease and thereby eliminating the threat of polio-caused paralysis to every child in the world; and

*WHEREAS*, members of the Rotary Club of McHenry 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;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Edwin Hettermann, President of the Village of Johnsburg, do hereby proclaim **October 24, 2017**, as World Polio Day in the Village of Johnsburg, and do hereby encourage all residents to join the Rotarians of our local club in the fight for a polio-free world.

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Edwin Hettermann (Signature of government official)