

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 Anthony Topf, President (or Mayor or whatever other official title applies) of the Village (City, Town, Township whichever applies) of Wanda Lake, do hereby proclaim **October 24, 2017**, as World Polio Day in Village of Wanda Lake and do hereby encourage all residents to join the Rotarians of our local club in the fight for a polio-free world.

Oct. 4, 2017 (Date proclamation adopted)

 (Signature of government official)