

PROCLAMATION

By the Mayor

WHEREAS, Rotary International in 1985, launched PolioPlus and spearheaded the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which today includes the World Health Organization, US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF and the Gates Foundation to immunize the children of the world against polio; and

WHEREAS, Rotary International is a global network consisting of over 1.2 million members in more than 45,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographical areas; and

WHEREAS, polio cases have dropped by 99.9% since 1988 and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease, and to date, Rotary International has contributed more than US \$2.9 billion and countless volunteer hours to protecting nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries; and

WHEREAS, Rotary International 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 Gates Foundation and, these efforts provide much needed operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment and educational materials for health workers and parents; and

WHEREAS there are 2100 Rotary club members in more than 39 clubs throughout Kansas District #5710 sponsoring service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, health, hunger, illiteracy and the environment in their local communities and abroad."

WHEREAS, Topeka Rotarians have committed their time, talent and treasure to continue support of PolioPlus until Polio is finally eradicated from the earth,

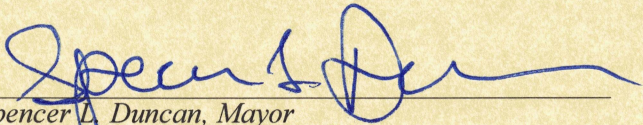
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Spencer L. Duncan, Mayor of the City of Topeka, Kansas, do hereby proclaim the day of October 24, 2026, as

“World Polio Day”

In the City of Topeka Kansas.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Spencer L. Duncan, Mayor of the City of Topeka, Kansas, do hereby affix my official signature and the Official Seal of the City of Topeka, Kansas, on this 20th day of October 2026.


Spencer L. Duncan, Mayor