**WHEREAS**, Rotary International, founded in 1905, is the world’s first and one of the largest non-profit service organizations with over 1.2 million Rotary club members in over 35,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographic areas; 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 the children of the world against polio; and

**WHEREAS,** polio cases have dropped by 99.9 percent from 350,000 in 1988 to 22 in 2017, and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease; and

**WHEREAS,** to date, Rotary has contributed more than US$1.7 billion and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries; and

**WHEREAS,** Rotary is currently working to raise an additional US$50 million per year, which will be tripled by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for a total of up to US$450 million over the next three years; and

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

**WHERES,** in addition, Rotary has played a major role in decisions by donor governments to contribute more than US$8 billion to the polio eradication effort; and

**WHEREAS,** in Rotary District 5040 (BC), there are over 1,450 Rotary members in 51 Rotary clubs, including *{name of town, city}*, sponsoring service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, health, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment in their local communities, and abroad.

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, *{name},* Mayor of the *{town, city}* of *{location}*

**DO HEREBY PROCLAIM** October 24, 2018 as **World Polio Day**, and encourage all citizens to join myself and Rotary International in the fight for a polio-free world.

**Dated** this ***{dd}*** day of ***{month},* 2018** in the ***{town, city}* of *{location}*, BC**

**Mayor**