**PROCLAMATION**

**END POLIO NOW WEEK**

**OCTOBER 24-31, 20XX**

Whereas Polio is a crippling and potentially fatal disease that still threatens children in parts of Africa, Asia and the Middle East; and

Whereas it is critical that individuals be vaccinated against Polio in order to avoid infection by the Polio virus; and

Whereas the incidence of Polio has declined throughout most of the world due to various education and immunization programs world-wide; and

Whereas Rotary International and individual Rotarians have contributed over $2 Billion and spearheaded collaborations with donor governments, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the Centers for Disease Control, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation leading to a significant reduction in the incidence of Polio worldwide by over 99%; and

Whereas Rotarians from (Club Name) have generously joined in these efforts, through monetary contributions and participation in overseas immunization initiatives since the campaign to eradicate Polio was launched in 1985; and

Whereas (Club Name) Rotarians, along with fellow Rotarians worldwide are joining together to educate the general public about Polio and to raise funds for its eradication;

Now, therefore, I, (Name, Title of Village or Town) do hereby proclaim October, 20XX (or week of October 24-31, 20XX) as “End Polio Now Month” (or “Week”) and October 31,20XX as “End Polio Now Day” and call upon the people of (Village or Town) to join the (Club Name) and their fellow citizens in taking part in this special observance.

 Signed (Village or Town officer)