

The Massachusetts General Court



Resolutions

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 24, 2012, AS "PURPLE PINKIE DAY" IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

WHEREAS, THE MASSACHUSETTS DISTRICTS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL WILL CELEBRATE "PURPLE PINKIE DAY" ON OCTOBER 24, 2012, TO HELP RAISE AWARENESS OF THE POLIO IMMUNIZATION EFFORT; AND

WHEREAS, POLIO, WHICH PREDOMINANTLY AFFECTS YOUNG CHILDREN, IS STILL ENDEMIC IN AFGHANISTAN, PAKISTAN AND NIGERIA, AND OTHER COUNTRIES REMAIN AT RISK FOR RE-ESTABLISHED TRANSMISSION OF THE VIRUS; AND

WHEREAS, THE GLOBAL POLIO ERADICATION INITIATIVE WAS LAUNCHED IN 1988 BY ROTARY INTERNATIONAL, THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND AND THE UNITED STATES CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION AND NOW RECEIVES SUPPORT FROM THE BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION AND THE UNITED NATIONS FOUNDATION; AND

WHEREAS, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL HAS CONTRIBUTED NEARLY \$1.2 BILLION IN FUNDING TO THE GLOBAL POLIO ERADICATION INITIATIVE AND IN SEPTEMBER 2012 COMMITTED AN ADDITIONAL \$75 MILLION OVER A 3 YEAR PERIOD; AND

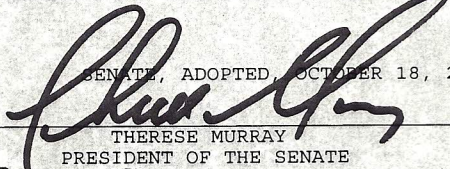
WHEREAS, MORE THAN 2.5 BILLION CHILDREN HAVE RECEIVED THE ORAL POLIO VACCINE FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AND ITS GLOBAL PARTNERS, PREVENTING AN ESTIMATED 8 MILLION CASES OF PARALYSIS AND HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEDIATRIC DEATHS; AND

WHEREAS, EACH CHILD WHO RECEIVES THE VACCINE MUST BE IMMUNIZED ONCE A YEAR FOR 3 YEARS AND WORKERS MARK THE CHILD'S PINKIE WITH PURPLE INK TO INDICATE THAT THE POLIO PLUS VACCINE HAS BEEN ADMINISTERED; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT HEREBY RECOGNIZES OCTOBER 24, 2012, AS "PURPLE PINKIE DAY" IN THE COMMONWEALTH, COMMENDS ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO ERADICATE POLIO AND FURTHER EXTENDS TO THE ORGANIZATION ITS SINCERE BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL ITS FUTURE ENDEAVORS; AND BE IT FURTHER


RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THESE RESOLUTIONS BE TRANSMITTED FORTHWITH BY THE CLERK OF THE SENATE TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL.

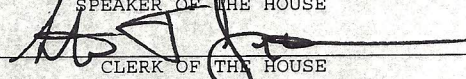
SENATE, ADOPTED, OCTOBER 18, 2012.


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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



CLERK OF THE SENATE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ADOPTED IN CONCURRENCE, OCTOBER 18, 2012.

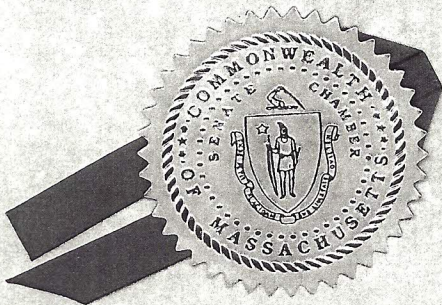

ROBERT A. DeLEO
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE


CLERK OF THE HOUSE

OFFERED BY:


SENATOR JENNIFER L. FLANAGAN


REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD BASTIEN



Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas A crippling and potentially fatal infectious disease, polio still strikes children mainly under the age of five in the countries of Asia, Africa and the Middle East; and

Whereas Historically, polio has been the world's greatest cause of disability and in some cases can cause death; and

Whereas Because there is no cure for polio, the best protection is prevention through vaccination; and

Whereas Since 1985, Rotary International has been dedicated to eradicating polio worldwide. To date, Rotary has exceeded \$1.2 Billion and provided countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries, reducing the number of polio cases worldwide by 99%; and

Whereas The PolioPlus Vaccine Initiative is considered to be the largest public health initiative ever undertaken in the world, and Rotary partners with Government organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations, Non-Profits, The American Red Cross, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; and

Whereas Purple dye painted on a child's pinkie finger signifies the child has received the immunization against polio and ultimately a freshly marked purple pinkie means freedom from the polio disease,

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim October 24th, 2012 to be,

PURPLE PINKIE DAY

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this twenty third day of October, in the year two thousand and twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-sixth.

By His Excellency

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deval L. Patrick".

DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

