



The City of Minneapolis

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

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Recognizing World Polio Day

Whereas, Rotary International and the Rotary Clubs of District 5950, inclusive of Minneapolis, have been engaged in a 30 year campaign to eradicate Polio worldwide; and

Whereas, Rotary brings 105 years of history to this initiative. Its members are business, professional and community leaders who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Thirty two thousand Rotary clubs located in more than 200 countries and geographical areas build coalitions and initiate service projects to address today's challenges, including illiteracy, disease, hunger, poverty, lack of clean water, and environmental concerns; and

Whereas, when Rotary began its mission to eradicate polio more than 350,000 children in 125 countries were stricken with polio every year, and nearly 1,000 people were affected by the crippling disease every day. Since then, polio cases have been reduced by 99% to 359 cases in 2014; and

Whereas, today only two countries – Afghanistan and Pakistan - remain polio-endemic. Due to the efforts of Rotary and its partners, the world is on the threshold of ending polio forever, making it only the second disease after smallpox to be eradicated; and

Whereas, public awareness, advocacy and funding remain crucial to Rotary and its partners, the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF;

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of
Minneapolis:**

That the City Council recognizes the 24th of October, 2015, to be World Polio Day in the City of Minneapolis, and that the 35W Bridge shall be lit in the "EndPolioNow" branding colors of Red and Yellow on this day.

Passed this 25th Day of September, 2015