



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Rotary International, founded on February 23, 1905 in Chicago, Illinois, is the world's first, and one of the largest, non-profit service organizations; and
- WHEREAS: There are currently over 1.2 million Rotary club members comprised of professional and business leaders in over 35,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographic areas; and
- WHEREAS: The Rotary International motto, "Service Above Self," inspires members to provide humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards, and promotes good will and peace in the world; and
- WHEREAS: In 1985, Rotary International 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 and Melinda Gates Foundation, to immunize the children of the world against polio; and
- WHEREAS: Polio cases have dropped by 99.9 percent since 1988, and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease; and
- WHEREAS: To date, Rotary International has contributed more than \$1.7 billion and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two million children in 122 countries; and
- WHEREAS: There are over 7,204 Rotary club members throughout the state of Minnesota 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, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, October 24, 2018, as:

## WORLD POLIO DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE