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Rotary International Proclamation

WHEREAS Rotary is a global network of neighbours, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who unite and take action to create lasting change in communities across the globe,

WHEREAS the Rotary motto, Service Above Self, inspires members to provide humanitarian service, follow high ethical standards, and promote goodwill and peace in the world,

WHEREAS Rotary in 1985 launched PolioPlus and in 1988 helped establish the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which today includes the World Health Organisation, U.S. Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, to immunise the children of the world against polio,

WHEREAS polio cases have dropped by 99.9 percent since 1988 and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease,

WHEREAS to date, Rotary has contributed more than US\$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protecting more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries,

WHEREAS Rotary is working to raise an additional \$50 million per year, which would be leveraged for maximum impact by an additional \$100 million annually from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation,

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

WHEREAS in addition, Rotary has played a major role in decisions by donor governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort, and

WHEREAS there are over 1.2 million Rotary members in more than 35,000 clubs throughout the world that sponsor service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, disease, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment in their local communities and abroad.

Therefore, I, Karen Williams, Mayor Redland City Council do hereby proclaim the 24th of October to be World Polio Day, as it is celebrated worldwide, and encourage all Australian citizens to join me and Rotary International in the fight for a polio-free world.

Mayor Karen Williams
Redland City Council