



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Rotary International, founded on February 23, 1905 in Chicago, Illinois USA, is the world's first and one of the largest non-profit service organizations; and

WHEREAS, there are 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 motto "Service Above Self" inspires members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards and promote good will and peace in the world; and

WHEREAS, Rotary, in 1985, 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 & 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 has contributed more than \$1.7 billion and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries; and

WHEREAS, Rotary is currently working to raise an additional \$150 million, which – if realized – will be tripled by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for a total of up to \$450 million over the next three years; and

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

WHEREAS, in addition, Rotary has played a major role in decisions by donor governments to contribute more than \$8 billion to the effort; and

WHEREAS, there are over 5,857 Rotary club members throughout the state of Alabama sponsoring service projects to address critical issues such as poverty, health, hunger, clean water, illiteracy and the environment in their local communities, and abroad;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2018, as

World Polio Day

in the State of Alabama and encourage all citizens to join myself and Rotary International in the fight for a polio-free world.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the
Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City
of Montgomery on the 10th day of October 2018.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor