



NORTH VANCOUVER
DISTRICT

PROCLAMATION

“World Polio Day”
(October 24, 2018)

- WHEREAS:** Rotary International, founded in 1905, is the world’s first and one of the largest non-profit service organizations with over 1.2 million Rotary club members 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 from 350,000 in 1988 to 22 in 2017, and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease; and
- WHEREAS:** To date, Rotary has contributed more than US\$1.7 billion and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries; and
- WHEREAS:** Rotary is currently working to raise an additional US\$50 million per year, which will be tripled by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for a total of up to US\$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 US\$8 billion to the polio eradication effort; and
- WHEREAS:** In Rotary District 5040 (BC), there are over 1,450 Rotary members in 51 Rotary clubs, including the District of North Vancouver, 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,** Richard Walton, Mayor of the District of North Vancouver, do hereby proclaim **October 24, 2018** as **“World Polio Day”** in the District of North Vancouver.

Richard Walton
MAYOR

Dated at North Vancouver, BC
this 1st Day of October 2018