



# PROCLAMATION

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- Whereas, In 1985, Rotary launched PolioPlus and helped establish 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, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, to immunize 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 forever;*
- Whereas, To date, Rotary has contributed more than \$2.6 billion and countless volunteer hours to protecting nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries;*
- Whereas, These efforts are providing much-needed operational support, medical staff, laboratory equipment, and educational materials for health workers and parents;*
- Whereas, We encourage all citizens to join Rotary International in the fight for a polio-free world*
- Therefore, I, Annette Groves, Mayor of the Town of Caledon, hereby do proclaim*

**October 24, 2023**

**as**

**“World Polio Day”**

*in the Town of Caledon and do commend its thoughtful observance to all citizens of our municipality.*

*Mayor Annette Groves, Town of Caledon*