

# **Board of Commissioners Agenda Item Report**

Agenda Item No. AIR-1971

Submitted by: Barbie Bruce

Submitting Department: Town Clerk

Meeting Date: October 10, 2023

## **Subject:**

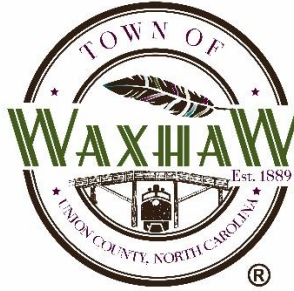
**Adoption of Proclamation (#PRO2023007) in Support of World Polio Day**

## **Executive Summary/Staff Recommendation:**

October 24, 2023, is World Polio Day. The Rotary's motto is Service Above Self, inspires members to provide humanitarian service, follow high ethical standards, and promote goodwill and peace in the world. In 1985, the Rotary launched PolioPlus and in 1988 helped establish the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which today includes the World Health Organization, United States 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.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

[Proclamation PRO2023007 Rotary International World Polio Day - 2023.10.10](#)



## **Proclamation in Support of World Polio Day**

**WHEREAS**, Rotary is a global network of neighbors, 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 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;

**WHEREAS**, to date, Rotary has contributed more than US \$2.2 billion and countless volunteer hours to protecting nearly 3 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 1.4 million Rotary members in 36,000 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, I, Ronald P. Pappas, Mayor of the Town of Waxhaw, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the October 24, 2023, as World Polio Day and encourage all citizens to join me and Rotary International in the fight for a polio-free world.

**Duly adopted and effective this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.**

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**Ronald P. Pappas, Mayor**

PROCLAMATION: PRO2023007

ATTEST:

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**Barbara B. Bruce, Town Clerk**