

Board of Commissioners Agenda Item Report

Agenda Item No. AIR-1197

Submitted by: Melody Shuler

Submitting Department: Town Clerk

Meeting Date: October 13, 2020

Subject:

Approval of Proclamation #2020004 in Support of World Polio Day

Updates/History of Briefing:

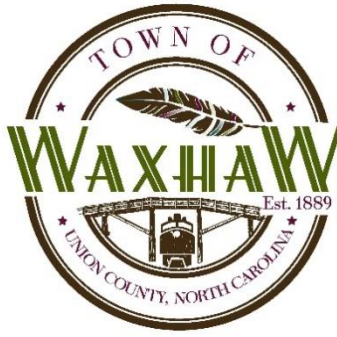
Proclamation #2020004 has been drafted in Support of World Polio Day as requested by the Rotary Club of Waxhaw-Weddington, Paula Smith. Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Today, polio cases have been reduced by 99.9%. The infrastructure Rotary members have helped build to end polio is also being used to treat and prevent other disease (including COVID-19 and create a lasting impact in other areas of public health.

Staff Recommendation:

Approval of Proclamation #2020005 by BOC, as presented.

ATTACHMENTS

[Proclamation - Rotary International Proclamation](#)



Rotary International Proclamation

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; and

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; and

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; 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 US\$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protecting more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries; and

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; and

WHEREAS, these efforts are providing much-needed operational support, medical staff, 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 \$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, Ronald P. Pappas, Mayor of the Town of Waxhaw NC , do hereby proclaim the 24th of October, 2020 World Polio Day and encourage all citizens to join me and Rotary International in the fight for a polio-free world.

Duly adopted this the 24th day of October, 2020.

Ronald P. Pappas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melody Shuler, Town Clerk