

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: October 16, 2019
SUBJECT: Proclamation – World Polio Day
PRESENTER: Steve Wyatt
ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1.) Proclamation

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners are requested to proclaim October 24, 2019, as World Polio Day in Henderson County and encourage all citizens to join the County, Four Seasons Rotary and Rotary International in the fight for a polio-free world.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to adopt the attached Proclamation as presented.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move that the Board adopt the attached Proclamation designating October 24, 2019, as World Polio Day in Henderson County.

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PROCLAMATION WORLD POLIO DAY

October 24, 2019

- WHEREAS,** Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million 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, encourage high ethical standards and promote good will 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 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\$1.9 billion and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two and a half billion children in 122 countries; and
- WHEREAS,** Rotary is currently working to raise an additional \$50 million per year which would be further 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 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 2,300 Rotary members in more than 60 clubs throughout Western North Carolina 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,** that we, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, do hereby designate October 24, 2019, as World Polio Day in Henderson County and encourage all citizens to join the County, Four Seasons Rotary and Rotary International in the fight for a polio-free world.

Adopted this the 16th day of October, 2019.

GRADY HAWKINS, CHAIRMAN
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

TERESA L. WILSON, CLERK TO THE BOARD