

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the service of Rotary Club International and declaring
2 October 24, 2019 as World Polio Day.

3 WHEREAS, Rotary International, founded on February 23, 1905, in Chicago,
4 Illinois, is the world's first and one of the largest nonprofit service organizations; and

5 WHEREAS, there are over 1.2 million Rotary Club members comprising
6 professional and business leaders in over 35,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographic
7 areas; and

8 WHEREAS, the Rotary motto "Service Above Self" inspires members to provide
9 humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and promote good will and peace
10 in the world; and

11 WHEREAS, Rotary in 1985 launched PolioPlus and spearheaded the Global Polio
12 Eradication Initiative, which today includes the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers
13 for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
14 to immunize the children of the world against polio; and

15 WHEREAS, polio cases have dropped by 99.9 percent since 1988 and the world
16 stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease; and

17 WHEREAS, to date, Rotary has contributed more than \$1.8 billion and countless
18 volunteer hours to the protection of more than two and half billion children in 122
19 countries; and

20 WHEREAS, Rotary is currently working to raise an additional \$50 million per year,
21 which would be further leveraged for maximum impact by an additional \$100 million
22 annually from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; and

23 WHEREAS, these efforts are providing much needed operational support, medical
24 personnel, laboratory equipment, and educational material for health workers and parents;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, in addition, Rotary has played a major role in decisions by donor
27 governments to contribute more than \$8 billion to the effort; and

1 WHEREAS, there are over 4500 Rotary Club members in more than 90 clubs
2 throughout this state sponsoring service projects to address such critical issues as poverty,
3 health, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment in their local communities, and abroad;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, this honorable body acknowledges the many contributions by Rotary
6 Club both in this state and internationally for the betterment of all citizens of the
7 Commonwealth and the world;

8 NOW, THEREFORE,

9 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
10 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

11 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby declare
12 October 24th, 2019, to be World Polio Day in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

13 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
14 honor, recognition, and celebration of Rotary Club International for their service to the
15 people of Kentucky and the world in the elimination of polio.

16 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
17 copy of this Resolution to Representative Randy Bridge for delivery.