

Office of the Mayor ♦ City of Martinez

Rotary International

World Polio Day

October 7, 2020

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, 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;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Rob Schroder, Mayor of the City of Martinez, on behalf of the Martinez City Council and Staff, do hereby proclaim October 7, 2020 as World Polio Day in the City of Martinez and encourage all citizens to join me and Rotary International in the fight for a polio-free world.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Martinez to be affixed here to this 7th day of October, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Schroder".

Rob Schroder, Mayor