



# Proclamation

**WORLD POLIO DAY  
October 24, 2018**

- Whereas:* In 1985 Rotary International launched PolioPlus and spearheaded the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, that has immunized over 2.5 billion children to date; and
- Whereas:* polio cases have dropped by 99.9 % from 350,000 in 1988 to 22 in 2017 – the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease forever; and
- Whereas:* to date, Rotary has contributed US\$1.8 billion and is working to raise an additional \$150 million to be matched with a \$300 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; and
- Whereas:* there are three Rotary Clubs with close to 150 members in the City of Prince George, and 51 Rotary Clubs with over 1,450 members in Rotary District 5040 (BC), committed to the eradication of polio and sponsoring service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, health, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment in their local communities, and abroad.
- Whereas:* citizens are encouraged to join in the campaign for a polio-free world.

Now therefore, as Mayor of the City of Prince George, I proclaim  
**October 24, 2018** as: **“WORLD POLIO DAY”** in the City of Prince George.

Lyn Hall, Mayor