

WHEREAS; polio is an infectious, debilitating, and potentially life-threatening disease that was once endemic throughout much of the world, but that can now be prevented through immunization; and

WHEREAS; in 1985, Rotary International launched the PolioPlus program and spearheaded the Global Polio Eradication Initiative – which today includes the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation – with the goal of immunizing all children around the world against polio; and

WHEREAS; polio cases have dropped by 99.9 percent since 1988, leaving the world on the threshold of complete eradication of the disease; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin encourages all Wisconsinites to support Rotary International and its many partners worldwide in the fight for a polio-free world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 24 through 31, 2020, as

WORLD POLIO WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 15th day of October 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State