

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

WHEREAS; in 1985, Rotary International launched the PolioPlus program, and in 1988, together with the World Health Organization (WHO) and other partners, they introduced the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the goal of immunizing all children around the world against polio; and

WHEREAS; while the WHO estimates that polio cases have dropped by 99.9 percent since 1988, recent detections of the virus, including in the United States, serve as a reminder that total eradication of the disease has not yet been reached and underscore the importance of every adult and child receiving the polio vaccine; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to providing programs and services that lower barriers to preventative healthcare—including vaccinations—and 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 2022 as

## **WORLD POLIO DAY**

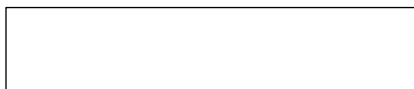
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

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 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State