

PROPOSED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF STAFFORD
STAFFORD, VIRGINIA

PROCLAMATION

At a regular meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors (the Board) held in the Board Chambers, George L. Gordon, Jr., Government Center, Stafford, Virginia, on the 5th day of October 2021:

MEMBERS:

Crystal L. Vanuch, Chairman
Cindy C. Lamb, Vice Chairman
Tinesha O. Allen
Meg Bohmke
Thomas C. Coen
L. Mark Dudenhefer
Gary F. Snellings

VOTE:

On motion of , seconded by , which carried by a vote of , the following was adopted:

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 24, 2021, AS
WORLD POLIO DAY IN STAFFORD COUNTY

WHEREAS, World Polio Day is held throughout the world on October 24 in celebration of the birth of Jonas Salk, the American researcher who developed the first polio vaccine in 1955; and

WHEREAS, Rotary International and its global partners launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) more than three decades ago when polio paralyzed 1,000 children every day; and

WHEREAS, since the launch of the GPEI in 1988, more than 17.4 million people, mainly in the developing world, who otherwise may have been paralyzed, are walking because they have been immunized against polio, and

WHEREAS, more than 200,000 paralytic cases of polio are now prevented every year through this initiative which today includes Rotary International Foundation, the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, 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 with only two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan, each having had only one wild polio case so far in 2021, and

WHEREAS, to date, Rotary has contributed more than \$2.2 billion and countless volunteer hours to protecting nearly three billion children in 122 countries; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Rotary has played a major role in decisions by donor governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to this effort; and

WHEREAS, there are over 1.2 million Rotary members in 36,000 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 PROCLAIMED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 5th day of October, 2021, that it be and hereby does proclaim October 24, 2021, as World Polio Day in Stafford County;

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that Stafford County, Virginia, commits to the continued fight for a polio free world.

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