

## **PROCLAMATION FOR WORLD POLIO DAY 2024**

**WHEREAS**, the Rotary Club of Bartlett is a member of Rotary International, the world's first, and still one of its largest, non-profit service organizations, founded in Chicago, Illinois, in 1905; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rotary motto "Service Above Self" inspires members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and promote good will and peace in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Rotary, a global service organization with over 1.4 million members, has been at the center of the worldwide effort to eradicate polio for over three decades.

Every year, through a funding partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Rotary has contributed more than \$2.6 billion and countless volunteer hours to end polio forever.

**WHEREAS**, the recent detection of the vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 case in New York and isolates in several environmental samples collected in London are stark reminders that as long as polio exists anywhere, it is a threat everywhere; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the Rotary Club of Bartlett continue to contribute their time and their resources to support PolioPlus and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative;  
and

**WHEREAS**, their efforts are providing much needed operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment and educational materials for health workers and parents;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Randy Ramey, Wayne Township Supervisor, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2024, as World Polio Day in Wayne Township, and do hereby encourage all residents to join the Rotarians of our local club in the fight for a polio-free world.

Dated this 24th day of October 2024