

PROCLAMATION FOR WORLD POLIO DAY 2026

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. Through a funding partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Rotary has contributed more than \$3 billion and countless volunteer hours to end polio forever.

WHEREAS, the recent reports of the vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 in Afghanistan and Pakistan 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 the Global Polio Eradication Initiative and as part of those efforts will be hosting the World's Largest Polio Walk on October 24, 2026, at the Bartlett Park District Community Center; 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, Supervisor of Wayne Township, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2026, as World Polio Day in Wayne Township as approved by the Wayne Township Board of Trustees, and do hereby encourage all residents to join the Rotarians of our local club in the fight for a polio-free world.

Dated this 8th day of October 2026.



Randy Ramey, Wayne Township Supervisor