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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: October 12, 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Honorable Supervisor Ed Scofield

SUBJECT: Resolution honoring Rotary for its work to eradicate polio and proclaiming October 24, 2021 as World Polio Day in Nevada County

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached proclamation.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND:

As a member of the Grass Valley South Rotary Club, I have had the pleasure and opportunity of working with leaders of our community on many terrific projects and initiatives over the years that improve and better our community. An important initiative that Rotary Clubs throughout the country and globally have supported is to help eradicate Poliomyelitis, referred to as polio.

Polio is a paralyzing and potentially fatal disease that still threatens children in some parts of the world. Poliovirus invades the nervous system and can cause total paralysis in hours. It can strike people of any age but mainly affects children under five. Polio can be prevented by vaccines, but it is not curable. Unlike most diseases, polio can be eradicated.

For the last 30 years, Rotary and its partners have driven the effort to eradicate polio worldwide through advocacy, fundraising, volunteer recruitment, and awareness-building. Globally, Rotary has contributed more than \$2 billion and recruited volunteers to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 counties from the paralyzing disease. Today only two countries continue to report cases: Afghanistan and Pakistan. To ensure the eradication of the disease, Rotary has committed to raising \$50 million per year with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation providing a match of 2-to-1, for a total commitment of \$150 million each year. To raise awareness and funds for this important cause, Rotary is requesting Nevada County to proclaim October 24, 2021 as World Polio Day. Therefore, I urge the Board of Supervisors to adopt the attached resolution to honor the terrific work of our local Rotary clubs and to proclaim October 24, 2021 as World Polio Day in Nevada County.

Sincerely,

Supervisor Ed Scofield