

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Rotary is a global network of neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who unite and take action to create lasting change in communities across the globe; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Rotary in 1985 launched PolioPlus and in 1988 helped establish the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which today includes 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 and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, to date, Rotary has contributed more than US\$2.6 billion and countless volunteer hours to protecting 3 billion children; and

**WHEREAS**, Rotary is working to raise an additional \$50 million per year, which is leveraged for maximum impact by 2-to-1 match from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, these efforts are providing much-needed operational support, medical staff, laboratory equipment, disease surveillance and educational materials; and

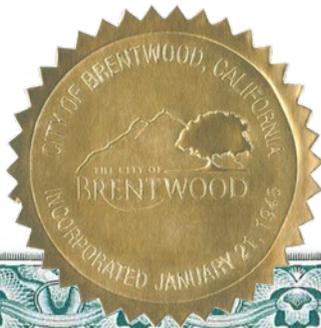
**WHEREAS**, there are over 1.4 million Rotary members in 46,000 clubs throughout the world that sponsor service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, disease, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment in their local communities and abroad.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the City Council of the City of Brentwood does hereby recognize October 24, 2024 as

## WORLD POLIO DAY

and encourage all residents to join in the fight for a polio-free world.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2024



  
Joel R. Bryant, Mayor