

PROCLAMATION

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6.a.

World Polio Day October 24, 2010

WHEREAS, Garden Grove Rotary Club World Polio Day, October 24, is a positive initiative to create awareness and educate the citizens of Garden Grove about the vital importance to eradicate Polio worldwide. Rotary Club members are business, professional and community leaders, who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and help build goodwill and peace in the world; and,

WHEREAS, The Garden Grove Rotary Club, chartered on April 15, 1953, is one of 32,000 Rotary clubs that exist today proudly serving in more than 200 countries and geographical areas that initiate service projects to address today's challenges; and,

WHEREAS, Polio cases have been reduced by 99% since Rotary International began its mission to eradicate the disease. Today only four countries - Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan - are still afflicted by the epidemic. Due to the efforts of Rotary and its partners, the world is on the threshold of ending polio forever, making it only the second disease after smallpox to be eradicated; and,

WHEREAS, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation awarded \$355 million to Rotary International in the global effort to eradicate polio, \$200 million of which is a challenge grant -- the largest received by Rotary in its 105-year history. The funds from the grant will provide critical support to polio eradication activities spearheaded by Rotary International and its partners. Rotary is now nearing the three-quarter-mark, having raised \$140 million of the \$200 million challenge; and,

WHEREAS, Polio eradication has been Rotary's top priority since 1985, with more than \$1.2 billion contributed to the effort. In 2009, Bill Gates praised Rotary International for providing the volunteers, advocates, and donors who have helped to reduce the number of polio cases by saying, "The world would not be where it is without Rotary, and it won't get where it needs to go without Rotary"; and,

WHEREAS, The Garden Grove Rotary Club initiative is one more community effort encouraging citizens of Garden Grove to support the goal of Rotary International. The world stands firmly on the threshold of victory thanks to the achievements of the last 25 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Garden Grove City Council does hereby proclaim October 24, 2010, as "World Polio Day" in Garden Grove. The City of Garden Grove commends the Garden Grove Rotary Club in their crusade to achieve a polio free world - the ultimate gift to children everywhere.

October 12, 2010

Approved for Agenda Listing


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