



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

Rotary International, founded on February 23, 1905 in Chicago, Illinois USA, is the world's first and one of the largest non-profit service organizations; and

WHEREAS:

Rotary in 1985 launched PolioPlus and spearheaded the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF to immunize the children of the world against polio; and

WHEREAS:

Polio cases have dropped by 99.9 percent since 1988 and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease; and

WHEREAS:

To date, Rotary has contributed more than \$1.5 Billion and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries and is currently working to raise at least \$35 million per year toward a challenge grant from Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation through 2018; and

WHEREAS:

These efforts are providing much needed operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment and education materials for health workers and parents. Rotary has played a major role in decisions by donor governments to contribute \$9 billion to the effort; and

WHEREAS:

The Rotary Club of Lima is one of over 64 clubs throughout our Rotary District 6600 with over 3,590 members sponsoring service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, health, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment in local communities, and abroad.

NOW THEREFORE:

I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio do hereby proclaim October 24, 2016 as

WORLD POLIO DAY

in the City of Lima, Ohio encourage all citizens to join with Rotary International in the fight for a polio-free world.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 23rd day of October, 2016.



Handwritten signature of David J. Berger

DAVID J. BERGER, MAYOR
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO