

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 762

Whereas, there are over 1.2 million Rotary club members comprised of professional and business leaders in over 35,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographic areas; 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 launched PolioPlus in 1985 and helped to establish the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which today includes the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in order 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, Rotary has, to date, contributed more than \$1.9 billion and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries; and

Whereas, Rotary is working to raise an additional \$50 million per year, which would be further leveraged for maximum impact by an additional \$100 million annually from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; and

Whereas, in the spirit of many other governments, caring organizations, and entities around the world, people and organizations should use community awareness means and media, such as outdoor illuminations deploying on October 24th, as well as the evening of October 23rd, to highlight the progress toward and importance of eradicating polio:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate, One Hundred First General Assembly, Second Regular Session, hereby declares October 24, 2022, as World Polio Day in Missouri.