

State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation

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

**WHEREAS,** in 1985, Rotary launched PolioPlus and spearheaded 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 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 \$1.7 billion and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries; and

**WHEREAS,** Rotary is currently working to raise an additional \$150 million, which will be tripled by the Bill & Melinda Gates foundation for a total of up to \$450 million over the next three years; and

**WHEREAS,** these efforts provide much needed operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment and educational materials for health workers and parents; and

**WHEREAS,** there are more than 40 clubs throughout Vermont that sponsor service projects addressing critical issues such as poverty, health, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment in their local communities, and abroad.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2017

**POLIO DAY**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 19th day of October, A.D. 2017.

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Philip B. Scott  
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brittney L. Wilson', is written over a horizontal line.

Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs