

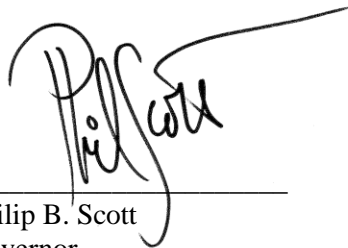
**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** Rotary International (Rotary) is a worldwide organization with over 1.2 million professional members who have committed their time and money to strengthening their communities and assisting people around the world; and
- WHEREAS,** The Rotary Foundation has been recognized as one of the top charitable organizations in the world; and
- WHEREAS,** Paul H. Harris, the founder of Rotary International, was raised in Wallingford, Vermont; and
- WHEREAS,** between more than 40 Rotary clubs in Vermont comprising over 1,400 members, Vermont Rotarians raise more than one million dollars each year for local and international causes and invest many hours of personal time to service projects; and
- WHEREAS,** since 1985, Rotary has led a coalition of charities and nongovernmental organizations to immunize millions of children each year against polio, at the cost of billions of dollars and millions of service hours; and
- WHEREAS,** poliomyelitis (polio) is a highly infectious disease that primarily affects children under 5 years of age, and as of 1988, polio was infecting approximately 350,000 people each year in many countries around the world; and
- WHEREAS,** cases of poliomyelitis due to wild polio virus have decreased by more than 99% since 1988; and
- WHEREAS,** Rotary and its partners are on the cusp of eradicating polio from the earth as recent years have seen only a handful of new cases.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 22-28, 2018 as

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL WEEK**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 17th day of October, A.D. 2018

  
Philip B. Scott  
Governor





Jaye Pershing Johnson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs