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PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS there are over 1.2 million Rotary club members in over 46,000 clubs around the world; 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 in 1985 launched Polio Plus and spearheaded the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which today also includes the World Health Organization, U.S. Centres 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 over 99% since 1988 and the world stands on the brink of eradicating the disease: and

WHEREAS to date, Rotary has contributed more than US $2.9 billion and countless volunteer hours with its partners to the protection of more than 3 billion children; and

WHEREAS over 20 million children are walking today who would not be, had they not been immunized; and

WHEREAS Rotary is currently working to raise an additional $50 million yearly, and if realized, will be matched 2:1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for a total of US $150 million: and

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

WHEREAS in addition, Rotary has played a major role in decisions by donor governments to contribute to the effort, our Canadian government contributing a total of more than $1 billion since 1986; and

WHEREAS there are approximately 90 Rotary members in northeast Saskatchewan sponsoring service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, health, hunger, illiteracy, peace and the environment.

The Council of the Town of Nipawin Do HEREBY RECONGNIZE October 24, 2026, as "*World Polio Day*" in the Town of Nipawin.

Dated this 23rd day of October 2026 in the Town of Nipawin, Saskatchewan.

Marlon Zacharias
Mayor