




**PROCLAMATION
"WORLD END POLIO DAY"
OCTOBER 24, 2012**

- Whereas: Polio is a crippling and potentially fatal disease that still threatens children in parts of Africa, Asia and the Middle East; and
- Whereas: it is critical that individuals be vaccinated against Polio in order to avoid infection by the Polio virus; and
- Whereas: the incidence of Polio has declined throughout most of the world due to various education and immunization programs world-wide, only Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan as the remaining polio endemic countries in 2012; and
- Whereas: Rotary International and individual Rotarians have contributed over \$1 Billion and spearheaded collaborations with governments, the World Health Organization, UNICEF and the Centers for Disease Control, to significantly reduce the spread of the Polio virus; and
- Whereas: Rotarians worldwide have joined together to match a \$200 million challenge grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to educate the general public about Polio and to raise funds for its eradication; and
- Whereas: The local Rotary clubs of Nanaimo and Lantzville encourage public support to raise funds for the Polio virus eradication in the world.

NOW THEREFORE, I, John Ruttan, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2012, be known as:

"WORLD END POLIO DAY"

in the City of Nanaimo.


John Ruttan
MAYOR

Dated this 23rd day of October, 2012.

