

**PROCLAMATION
WORLD POLIO DAY**

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Lombard is a member of Rotary International, the world's first, and still one of its largest, non-profit service organizations, founded in Chicago, Illinois in 1905; 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, the Rotary in 1985 launched PolioPlus and spearheaded the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which today includes the World Health Organization, U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, to immunize all the children of the world against polio; and

WHEREAS, polio cases have dropped by over 99.9 percent since 1988, and the world now stands on the threshold of eradicating this dead disease and thereby eliminating the threat of polio-caused paralysis to every child in the world; and

WHEREAS, members of the Rotary Club of Lombard continue to contribute their time and their resources to support PolioPlus and Global Polio Eradication Initiative; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith Giagnorio, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2018 as World Polio Day in Lombard, and do hereby encourage all residents to join the Rotarians of our local club(s) in the fight for a polio-free world.



Keith Giagnorio
Village President

