



City of Woodland

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: April 15, 2008

SUBJECT: Proclamation – World Polio
Awareness Month

Report in Brief

Rotary International has long been one of the most active and dedicated service groups in the world. This group of outstanding and dedicated individuals excels in their continual support of the needs of citizens world wide. Among the activities supported by Rotary International is a coordinated campaign to eradicate polio. The PolioPlus program affects the health and well being of our neighbors in other areas of the world and should be recognized for its importance.

Staff recommends that the City Council issue a Proclamation recognizing April 2008 as “World Polio Awareness Month”.

Background

Rotary International established PolioPlus in 1985 to assist in the eradication of this disease throughout the World. Largely to their efforts, the cases and locations of this disease have dramatically decreased. It is appropriate for the Council to recognize those efforts by this service organization.

Recommendation for Action

Staff recommends that the City Council issue a Proclamation recognizing April 2008 as “World Polio Awareness Month”.

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Attachment: Proclamation

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PROCLAMATION WORLD POLIO AWARENESS MONTH – APRIL 2008

WHEREAS, Rotary International, the world's largest service organization, with 1.2 million members and 32,000 clubs in 200 countries, and seven in Yolo County, established PolioPlus in 1985 and were joined by UNICEF, the World Health Organization and the U. S. Center for Disease Control; and,

WHEREAS, the current Strategic Plan of Rotary International, endorsed by the Rotary Council on Legislation, contains seven major goals of Rotary, the number one goal being to finish the work necessary to eradicate polio worldwide, and this is the operating plan for Rotary International for the foreseeable future; and,

WHEREAS, polio, spread by a virus, also known as infantile paralysis and is the world's greatestcrippler, has been totally eradicated from the United States of American and the rest of the world with the exception of four endemic countries – India, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan; and,

WHEREAS, failure to eradicate polio will result in at least 10 million paralyzed children in the next 40 years and a failure to capitalize on the \$4 billion global investment; and,

WHEREAS, the savings alone from not needing to immunize children in the future are potentially as high as \$1.5 billion per year; and,

WHEREAS, the campaign, PolioPlus has reduced the 350,000 cases of polio in 125 countries to 1,303 cases in just four countries - India, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan – and even those countries are on track to achieve eradication; and,

WHEREAS,; the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has made a contribution of \$100 million over the next three years; and,

WHEREAS, the challenge to Rotary International is to match the \$100 million over the next three years; and,

WHEREAS, the 1.5 million polio survivors, also known as "Medicine's Forgotten Generation", are now experiencing the condition of Post Polio Syndrome, the steady decline of physical ability as an aftermath of having polio; and

WHEREAS, Rotary International has also established the action group "Polio Survivors and Associates", to promote awareness of this condition to polio survivors and their families; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Woodland proclaims April 2008 as "World Polio Awareness Month" in the City and encourages officials, employees and residents to join the important efforts of the Rotary Club in their efforts to eradicate this disease.

Dated this 15th day of April, 2008.

David M. Flory, Mayor

Marlin H. Davies, Vice-Mayor

William L. Marble, Council Member

Jeff W. Monroe, Council Member

Artemio Pimentel, Council Member