

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Polio is a crippling and potentially fatal disease that still threatens children in parts of Asia; 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; and

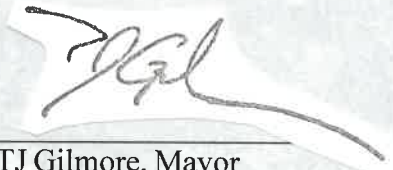
**WHEREAS**, Rotary International and individual Rotarians have contributed over \$1 Billion and spearheaded collaborations with donor governments, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the Centers for Disease Control, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, leading to a significant reduction in the incidence of Polio worldwide by over 99% since 1985; and

**WHEREAS**, Rotarians from the Lewisville Morning Rotary Club and the Lewisville Rotary Club (Noon) have generously joined in these efforts, through monetary contributions and participation in overseas immunization initiatives since the campaign to eradicate Polio was launched in 1985; and

**WHEREAS**, Lewisville Morning Rotary Club and Lewisville Rotary Club (Noon) members, along with fellow Rotarians worldwide are joining together to raise \$50 million per year matched 2 to 1 by The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and are sponsoring local activities during the week of October 22-28, 2023 to educate the general public about Polio and to raise funds for its eradication;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, TJ Gilmore, Mayor of the City of Lewisville, Texas and on behalf of the Lewisville City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of October 22-28, 2023 as "End Polio Now Week" and October 24, 2023 as "End Polio Now Day" and call upon the people of Lewisville to join the two Lewisville Rotary Clubs and their fellow citizens in taking part in this special observance.

**PROCLAIMED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.



TJ Gilmore, Mayor  
City of Lewisville