

*Office of the Mayor
Township of Bordentown
Proclamation*

WHEREAS, Rotary International, founded in 1905, is the world's first and one of the largest non-profit organizations with over 1.2 million Rotary club members in over 35,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographic areas; 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 includes the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to immunize the children of the world against polio; and

WHEREAS, polio cases have dropped by 99.9 percent from 350,000 in 1988 to 22 in 2017 and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease; and

WHEREAS, to date Rotary has contributed more than \$1.7 billion and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries; and

WHEREAS, Rotary is currently working to raise an additional \$50 million per year, which will be tripled by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for a total of up to \$459 million over the next three years; 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 government to contribute more than \$8 billion to the polio eradication effort; and

WHEREAS, in Rotary District 7505, there are over 2,154 Rotary members in 78 Rotary clubs including Bordentown Township that are addressing critical issues such as poverty, health, hunger, illiteracy and environmental issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, I, Steve Benowitz, Mayor, of the Township of Bordentown, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim October 22, 2018 as "**WORLD POLIO DAY**".




STEVE BENOWITZ, MAYOR