

Proclamation

“World Polio Day”

- WHEREAS:** Rotary International, founded on February 23, 1905 in Chicago, Illinois USA, is the world’s first and one of the largest non-profit service organizations; and
- WHEREAS:** there are over 1.2 million Rotary club members comprised of professional and business leaders in over 33,000 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 PolioPlus and spearheaded the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF to immunize the children of the world against polio; and
- WHEREAS:** polio cases have dropped by 99 percent since 1988 and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease; and
- WHEREAS:** To date, Rotary has contributed more than US\$1 billion and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries; and
- WHEREAS:** Rotary is currently working to raise an additional \$200 million toward a \$355 million challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; 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 governments to contribute \$8 billion to the effort; and
- WHEREAS:** there are over 150 Rotary club members with two clubs in the City of Griffin and Spalding County sponsoring service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, health, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment in their local communities, and abroad.

NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED I Eddie Freeman, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2011 as

“World Polio Day”

in Spalding County, Georgia, and encourage all citizens to join myself and Rotary International in the fight for a polio-free world.

This the 17th day Of October 2011

Eddie L. Freeman, Chairman

William P. Wilson, Jr., County Clerk