



City of Campbell River

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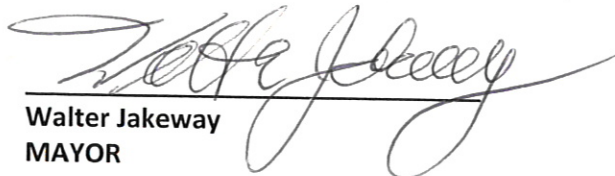
- PROCLAMATION -

- WHEREAS:** February 23rd, 2012 is Rotary International's 107th Anniversary and World Polio Day;
- AND WHEREAS:** Rotary Club of Campbell River and the Daybreak Rotary Club wish to create awareness and educate the citizens of Campbell River about the vital importance to eradicate Polio worldwide;
- AND WHEREAS:** Rotary Club members are business, professional and community leaders who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Along with 32,000 worldwide Rotary Clubs, Campbell River's 2 clubs initiate service projects to address today's challenges, including illiteracy, disease, hunger, poverty, lack of clean water, and environmental concerns;
- AND WHEREAS:** When Rotary began its mission to eradicate polio in 1985, more than 350,000 children were stricken with polio every year and nearly 1,000 people were affected by the crippling disease every day. Since then, polio cases have been reduced by 99% to fewer than 1,700 cases in 2009. Today only four countries – Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan - remain polio-endemic. Due to the efforts of Rotary and its partners, the world is on the threshold of ending polio forever – making it only the second disease after smallpox to be eradicated;
- AND WHEREAS:** The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has awarded US\$355 million to Rotary International in the global effort to eradicate polio. \$200 million is a challenge grant to Rotary; one of the largest challenge grants ever given by the Gates Foundation and the largest received by Rotary in its 107-year history.
- AND WHEREAS:** The Campbell River Clubs' initiative is one more community effort to invite the citizens to support Rotary's goal to offer the gift of a polio-free world to children everywhere.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** I, Walter Jakeway, Mayor of the City of Campbell River, do hereby proclaim February 23rd, 2012 to be:

"END POLIO NOW DAY"

in the City of Campbell River, Province of British Columbia.

Dated this 22nd day of February, 2012 at Campbell River, BC.


Walter Jakeway
MAYOR