Proclamation

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, 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 and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have extended their existing fundraising partnership that could generate up to US$525 million in new money for polio eradication; and

WHEREAS, every new dollar Rotary commits to polio eradication, up to $35 million per year, through 2018 will be matched 2 for 1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Rotary has played a major role in decisions by donor governments to contribute $8 billion to the effort; and

WHEREAS, These efforts are providing much needed operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment and educational materials for health workers and parents; and

WHEREAS, There are over 2,600 Rotary club members in more than 60 clubs in and near this City sponsoring service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, health, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment in their local communities, and abroad.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVE ASPEL, Mayor of the City of Redondo Beach, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2013, as

World Polio Day

and encourage all citizens to join the Rotary Club in the fight for a polio-free world.

Members of the City Council
Jeff Ginsburg ∆ Bill Brand ∆ Pat Aust ∆ Stephen Sammarco ∆ Matt Kilroy
District 1 District 2 District 3 District 4 District 5

Written under my hand and seal this 24th day of October 2013

STEVE ASPEL
Mayor