

**OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION
CITY OF MOORHEAD, STATE OF MINNESOTA
CITIES OF FARGO AND WEST FARGO, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

WHEREAS, *Polio, or poliomyelitis, is a paralyzing and potentially deadly infectious disease that most commonly affects children under the age of 5. The virus spreads from person to person, typically through contaminated water, it can then attack the nervous system; and*

WHEREAS, *Rotary is an International community that brings together leaders who step up to take on the world's toughest challenges, locally and globally. The eradication of polio is one of our longest standing and most significant efforts and has been on the forefront of the global polio eradication effort since 1988; and*

WHEREAS, *Along with our partners, we have helped immunize more than 2.5 billion children against polio in 122 countries, we have reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent worldwide and we won't stop until we end the disease for good; and*

WHEREAS, *Rotary members have contributed more than 2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort; and*

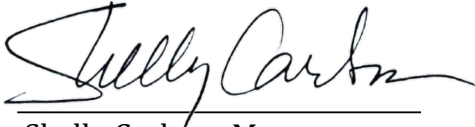
WHEREAS, *The Rotary Clubs of Moorhead, Fargo and West Fargo are holding the 14th annual Recital with a Cause Fundraiser to further the effort; and*

WHEREAS, *Recital with a Cause is a time for Rotary members, public health advocates, and all who want a world free from polio to come together, recognize our progress in the fight to end polio, and talk about the actions we need to take in order to end polio for good;*

NOW, THEREFORE, *we the Mayors of Moorhead, Fargo, and West Fargo do hereby proclaim April 11, 2024:*

POLIO ERADICATION DAY

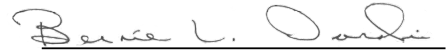
***IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the cities of Moorhead, State of Minnesota and Fargo and West Fargo, State of North Dakota to be affixed to this proclamation.*



Shelly Carlson, Mayor
City of Moorhead



Tim Mahoney, Mayor
City of Fargo



Bernie Dardis, Mayor
City of West Fargo

