

Please use this sample proclamation as a template to work with your head of state, legislator/parliamentarian, province or state government, county, city or other officials to pass a resolution to commemorate Rotary Day and publicize Rotary's accomplishments.

Rotary International 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, there are over 1.2 million Rotary club members comprised of professional and business leaders in over 32,000 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 funds club projects and sponsors volunteers with community expertise to provide medical supplies, health care, clean water, food production, job training, and education to millions in need, particularly in developing countries; and

WHEREAS, Rotary in 1985 launched Polio Plus and spearheaded efforts 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, Rotary is the world's largest privately-funded source of international scholarships and promotes international understanding through scholarships, exchange programs and humanitarian grants; and

WHEREAS, in our community, there are more than _____ Rotary club members in more than _____ clubs throughout this [area/state] sponsoring service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, health, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment in their local communities, and abroad; and

WHEREAS, in _____, our Rotary clubs have been partners and drivers of many initiatives, including [projects list here].

*Therefore, I _____
[Governor/Mayor/etc.] of the[State/City/County] of _____, do hereby proclaim February 23, 2021 as Rotary Day in _____, and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing our local Rotary clubs and Rotary International for its more than 100 years of service to improving the human condition in local communities around the world.*