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COUNTY BOARD, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ADJOURNED REGULAR SEPTEMBER A.D., 2004 SESSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2005

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD:

Your Chairman presents herewith a Resolution proclaiming Saturday,
March 12, 2005, as Rotary International Day in Lake County; and requests its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,



Suzi Schmidt, Chairman
Lake County Board

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 Club of Waukegan, received its charter on December 1, 1916, and is recognized as the oldest club in Lake County and Northern Illinois; and

WHEREAS, there are over 1.2 million Rotary club members comprised of professional and business leaders in over 31,000 clubs in more than 165 countries; 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, the Rotary Club of Waukegan is a Partners in Parks program participant and has selected Veterans Plaza in Washington Park as its Centennial Community Project; 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, more than 35,000 students from 110 countries have studied abroad since 1947 as Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars; and

WHEREAS, Rotary's Group Study Exchange program has helped more than 46,000 young professionals explore their career fields in other countries; and

WHEREAS, 8,000 secondary-school students each year experience life in another country through Rotary's Youth Exchange Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that we do hereby proclaim March 12, 2005, as Rotary International Day in Lake County, and encourage all citizens to join us in recognizing Rotary International for 100 years of service and the Rotary Clubs in Lake County for improving the human condition in our community and communities around the world.

DATED, AT WAUKEGAN, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, on this 8th day of March 2005.