



Office of The Supervisor of the Town of Brighton

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world; and,

WHEREAS, there are over 1.2 million Rotarians who belong to more than 32,000 Rotary Clubs located in 200 countries and geographic areas throughout the world; and,

WHEREAS, the Rotary motto "Service Above Self" inspires members to provide humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards, and promotes 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, in 1985, Rotary launched Polio Plus and spearheaded efforts with the World Health Organization, United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and UNICEF to immunize the children of the world against polio, and during that time, Brighton Rotary has been an active participant in polio relief, having raised over \$50,000; and,

WHEREAS, thanks to these efforts, worldwide 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, including the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars, Rotary Group Study Exchange and Rotary Youth Exchange; and

WHEREAS, in the Town of Brighton, Rotarians have selflessly served this community for nearly 50 years through support of local programs such as Camp Haccamo, Intervol, Food Link, Easter Seals and the Special Olympics, as well as national and international projects such as providing on-site volunteers for New Orleans hurricane relief and construction of a blood bank in Bubaneswar, India, active participation in international scholarship and exchange programs and support of programs providing water and other essential services in the developing world; and,

WHEREAS, the Brighton Rotary Centennial Community Project, the restoration of the historic Buckland Farmhouse, completed in joint cooperation with the Town of Brighton, the State of New York, and the Allyn's Creek Garden Club, saved a valuable element of Brighton's history that will be a lasting resource for education about Brighton's history for people of all ages and serves as another sign of Brighton's bright future;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Brighton Town Council, do hereby commend and congratulate members of the Brighton Rotary, as they celebrate with over 1.2 million fellow members around the world to recognize

Rotary Day

and designate February 23, 2008 as Rotary Day in the Town of Brighton, to recognize Rotary's remarkable legacy of service above self in Brighton and throughout the world.

Signed on this 27th day of February, 2008.

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