

RESOLUTION 22R-09

To request the RI Board to consider adopting “Clean and Safe Water for Everyone” as Rotary’s primary goal after polio eradication

Proposer(s): District 1560, The Netherlands
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1 WHEREAS, every minute a child dies as a result of contaminated drinking water,
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4 WHEREAS, one in three people in the world lacks access to safely managed
5 drinking water and/or sanitation, and
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7 WHEREAS, the lack of safely managed drinking water is one of the chief
8 contributors to conflict worldwide, and

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10 WHEREAS, girls in countries throughout the world are obligated to walk many
11 kilometers for their families to retrieve drinking water and as a result have little
12 or no access to education, and

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14 WHEREAS, global population is increasing, as a result of which the need for
15 safely managed drinking water will also increase, and
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17 WHEREAS, clean drinking water and effective hygiene are among the most
18 effective means of improving public health worldwide, and

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20 WHEREAS, the goal of clean water neatly aligns with all seven focus areas of
21 Rotary, and
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23 WHEREAS, the goal of clean water neatly aligns with the United Nations
24 Sustainable Development Goals, which have been adopted by Rotary, and in
25 particular with Sustainable Development Goal #6: Ensure access to water and
26 sanitation for all

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28 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
29 International consider adopting “Clean and Safe Water for Everyone” as Rotary’s
30 primary goal once the targets of the Polio Eradication Program have been
31 achieved.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 1 This proposal seeks to emphasize the urgency of providing access to safely
- 2 managed drinking water, safely managed sanitation, and hygiene for all by 2040.
- 3 RI will be able to contribute substantially to achieving such access by adopting
- 4 this as its new primary goal.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 5 If implemented, this resolution would have a financial impact on RI which cannot
- 6 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
- 7 support provided by the RI Board in adopting “Clean and Safe Water for
- 8 Everyone” as a primary goal of RI after polio eradication.