

# RESOLUTION 22R-11

To request the RI Board to consider requesting Rotary clubs to contribute US\$10 per member to reduce the spread of Covid-19

**Proposer(s):** Rotary Club of Sagamihara New City, District 2780, Japan

1 WHEREAS, RI is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion and demonstrates  
2 this commitment in all of its ongoing activity, and

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4 WHEREAS, in order to create sustainable positive change around the world, Rotary  
5 clubs have also agreed to be governed by the principles of diversity, equity, and  
6 inclusion in all of their local activities, and

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8 WHEREAS, there are three fundamental pillars of support for Rotary clubs, these  
9 being RI, The Rotary Foundation, and the member clubs themselves, and

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11 WHEREAS, it is also to be expected that RI will play a leadership role in the current  
12 global crisis, and

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14 WHEREAS, in order to reduce the spread of COVID-19, it is important to make  
15 vaccines and test kits available to countries throughout the world

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17 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary  
18 International consider requesting Rotary clubs to contribute US\$10 per member to  
19 this assistance effort.

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## **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

20 Our modern economy is premised on the global movement of people, but has  
21 become stagnant due to international travel and trade restrictions imposed as a  
22 result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The effects of the current economic crisis can  
23 be mitigated by reducing COVID infection levels in the general population  
24 through increased access to vaccinations. Financial assistance will be required for  
25 worldwide distribution of the vaccine, and we believe Rotary, as the organization  
26 that has come “This close” to eradicating polio, is ideally suited to undertake this  
27 activity. If all clubs were to contribute US\$10.00 per member, this would realize  
28 US\$11 million in assistance for such an effort.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

- 1 If implemented, this resolution could potentially result in an increase in revenues
- 2 for RI. If Rotary clubs contribute US\$10 per member to assistance in COVID-19
- 3 relief efforts, there could be an increase in revenue of up to US\$12 million.