

RESOLUTION 24R-14

To request the RI Board to consider amending the Rotary Code of Policies to permit Rotary activity groups for children under the age of 12, whose parents are members of the sponsoring club

Proposer(s): District 4670, Brazil

1 WHEREAS, there are many Rotary activity groups for children under the age of
2 12 already in existence within clubs and districts throughout the world, and

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4 WHEREAS, these groups are clearly connected to the Rotary brand, and

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6 WHEREAS, Rotary will provide them with support if a conflict arises, and

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8 WHEREAS, it is essential to the unity of the Rotary family that we engage young
9 participants in voluntary service activities, as age should not be a barrier to
10 involvement, and

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12 WHEREAS, Rotary's structured programs are a means of increasing
13 membership, and

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15 WHEREAS, the implementation of formal guidelines for the establishment of
16 Rotary children's activity groups will help to standardize them among RI's other
17 general rules and procedures

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19 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
20 International consider amending the Rotary Code of Policies subsection
21 41.010.2., Membership in an Interact Club, as follows:

22 23 **Article 41. Rotary Programs**

24 25 **41.010. Interact**

26 27 41.010.2. Membership in an Interact Club

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29 1. An Interact club is a Rotary club sponsored organization of young people,
30 ages 12 to 18, whose purpose is to provide opportunity for them to work
31 together in a world fellowship dedicated to service and international
32 understanding and leadership development skills. Children under the age
33 of 12 may be organized into activity groups representative of Rotary if
34 their parents or guardians are active members of the sponsoring club.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 1 The purpose of this proposal is to provide guidelines for the official establishment
- 2 of club or district activity groups for young people under the age of 12, thereby
- 3 encouraging preteen children to take part in activities that align with and
- 4 promote the values of Rotary.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 5 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.
- 6 Clubs and districts are already permitted to develop their own club and district
- 7 programs, provided they adhere to Rotary's youth protection policies.