

# RESOLUTION 21R-22

To request the RI Board to consider adopting “Clean and Safe Water for Everyone” after polio eradication

**Proposer(s):** District 1600, The Netherlands

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 and sanitation neatly aligns with the United  
21 Nations Sustainable Development Goals, which have been adopted by Rotary,  
22 and in particular with Sustainable Development Goal #6: Ensure access to water  
23 and sanitation for all

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25 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary  
26 International consider adopting “Clean and Safe Water for Everyone” as Rotary’s  
27 primary goal once the PolioPlus Program has satisfactorily concluded.

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## PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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