

RESOLUTION 25R-12

To request the RI Board to consider encouraging districts to observe an annual Hygiene Day

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Paris Concorde, District 1660, France

1 WHEREAS, hygiene is an integral part of several of Rotary's areas of focus, and

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3 WHEREAS, the number of underprivileged people increases regularly
4 throughout the world, and

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6 WHEREAS, these people are unable to afford even the most basic hygiene
7 products

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9 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
10 International consider encouraging districts to observe an annual Hygiene Day
11 on which clubs collect basic women's, men's, and children's hygiene products in
12 order to assemble hygiene kits for distribution to or through local organizations
13 specializing in providing assistance for the underprivileged.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

14 Many Rotary clubs are encouraged by their districts to collect food during a
15 special day for underprivileged people. If food is important for these people, so is
16 hygiene. It's just as important a health factor but also tends to be more costly and
17 can therefore be easily overlooked as a club service activity.

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19 The work of Rotary clubs can be key in motivating community members to buy
20 hygiene products as a means of helping those who cannot afford them.

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22 This work falls under several of Rotary's areas of focus, such as disease
23 prevention, mother and child health, and education.

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25 In addition, any progress in this area can have a positive impact on health,
26 community life, and health care costs.

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28 Districts can take on the responsibility of encouraging their clubs to dedicate one
29 day to this natural and very useful work annually.

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 to accomplish this goal.
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- 5 Rotary currently supports hygiene projects through the water, sanitation, and
- 6 hygiene area of focus. Clubs and districts can coordinate days of action as they
- 7 deem appropriate.