RESOLUTION 19R-23

To request the RI Board to consider collaborating with those working on myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome research

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Greeley-After Hours, District 5440, USA
Endorsed by: District 5440 through an annual district conference, Gering, Nebraska, USA, 18 May 2019

WHEREAS, the virus that often triggers myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS) is closely related to the virus that causes polio, and

WHEREAS, an estimated 15 to 30 million people worldwide, predominantly women, have ME/CFS, and

WHEREAS, government and organizational funding for research and education to recognize and treat ME/CFS is woefully inadequate

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider using the vast knowledge and resources Rotary has already developed and implemented to eradicate polio for the support of, encouragement of, and collaboration with those working to fund myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome research and education.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

This resolution would leverage Rotary’s worldwide reputation and expertise on polio eradication to raise awareness of the need to educate the public and medical practitioners on the importance of treating and ultimately finding a cure for those suffering from ME/CFS.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

If implemented, this resolution would have a financial impact on RI which cannot be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of support provided by the RI Board for collaborating with those working on ME/CFS research.