

WHEREAS, On March 26, 1953 Jonas Salk announced he had successfully invented a polio vaccine; and

WHEREAS, Jonas Salk refused to patent the polio vaccine believing it should belong to the people and be free for everyone; and

WHEREAS, Salk's sharing of his vaccine recipe helped save countless children from polio and polio related deaths around the world; and

WHEREAS, We are currently living through a global pandemic that has killed over two and a half million people worldwide; and over 500,000 people in the US alone, and

WHEREAS, The people have funded the research and development for several COVID vaccines with billions of dollars of public money; and

WHEREAS, 100% of FDA approved medications between 2010 and 2016 received contributions from public funding, and

WHEREAS, Everyone on the planet deserves access to the COVID vaccine; and

WHEREAS, None of us will be safe until everyone is safe; and

WHEREAS, We reject vaccine nationalism and vaccine apartheid; and

WHEREAS, In his 1977 acceptance speech for the Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding, Jonas Salk declared that the most important question we are called to ask ourselves is, "Are we being good ancestors?"; and

WHEREAS, The COVID vaccine should be sustainably priced, available to all, and free at the point-of-delivery; and

WHEREAS, Jonas Salk serves as a moral example for how to put the public interest ahead of personal profit.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, [NAME], Mayor of [CITY], do hereby proclaim March 26, 2021 as

"JONAS SALK DAY"

in [CITY], and hereby urge all residents to take note of this observance.

## **Links to City Websites with Instructions for Requesting Proclamations**

DC <https://os.dc.gov/service/ceremonial-services>

St. Louis, MO <https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/mayor/proclamations.cfm>

Jersey City, NJ <https://www.cognitofrms.com/CityOfJerseyCity1/proclamationrequestform>

Portland, OR <https://www.portland.gov/wheeler/proclamations>

Seattle, WA <https://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/MayorDurkan/Proclamation-LetterRequestForm.pdf>

Wilmington, DE <https://www.wilmingtonde.gov/government/office-of-the-mayor/request-a-proclamation>