



Canada
Province of British Columbia
A Proclamation

CHARLES THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom,
Canada and His other Realms and Territories, King, Head of the
Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

To all to whom these presents shall come – Greeting

WHEREAS Toastmasters International, a non-profit educational organization, is a national and international leader in making effective oral communication a reality for hundreds of thousands of people worldwide, and

WHEREAS the ability to speak clearly and effectively is a powerful and important skill that can help individuals overcome barriers to effective performance in virtually every endeavour and line of work, and

WHEREAS the Toastmasters program complements existing training programs, is cost effective and helps people improve their communication, leadership and mentoring skills; teamwork; productivity and effectiveness in meetings, and

WHEREAS the first Toastmasters club was formed in 1924 in California, and today, after 99 years of outstanding achievement, Toastmasters International has grown to over 280 000 members in 14 700 clubs in 144 countries, and

WHEREAS the first Toastmasters club outside the United States was chartered in 1935 in Victoria, British Columbia, and today, after 88 years, Toastmasters has grown to serve more than 4 000 members in over 220 clubs in British Columbia, and

WHEREAS Toastmasters International and its member Toastmaster Clubs perform a valuable service to its members and the community by helping people develop essential communication and leadership skills that promote self-actualization, enhance leadership potential, foster human understanding and contribute to the betterment of humankind;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that February 2023 shall be known as

“Toastmasters Month”

in the Province of British Columbia.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of British Columbia to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, The Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this nineteenth day of January, two thousand twenty-three and in the first year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General

Lieutenant Governor