



**Canada**  
**Province of British Columbia**  
**A Proclamation**

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom,  
Canada and Her other Realms and Territories, Queen, 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 leader in making effective oral communications a national and international reality for all persons, 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 Toastmasters complements existing training programs and is cost effective, and the benefits of joining include clearer communication, improved leadership skills, enhanced teamwork, effective meetings, increased productivity and positive mentoring, and

WHEREAS 2019 is being celebrated as Toastmaster's 95<sup>th</sup> year as a non-profit education organization, and

WHEREAS the first Toastmasters club was formed in 1924 in California and today, after ninety five years of outstanding achievement, Toastmasters International has grown to over 357,000 members in 16,600 clubs in 143 countries, and

WHEREAS the first Toastmasters club outside the United States was chartered in 1935 in Victoria, British Columbia and today, after 84 years, Toastmasters in British Columbia has grown to serve more than 6,000 members in over 300 clubs, and

WHEREAS the Toastmasters program helps people develop skills in speaking, listening, giving feedback, decision-making, effective meeting management, delegating and mentoring. These are vital skills that promote self-actualization, enhance leadership potential, foster human understanding and contribute to the betterment of humankind, and

WHEREAS by helping people develop essential communication and leadership skills, Toastmasters International and its member Toastmaster Clubs perform a valuable service to its members and the community;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that February 2019 shall be known as

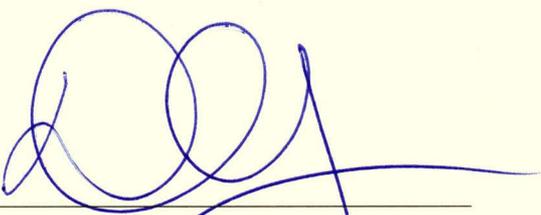
**“Toastmasters Month”**

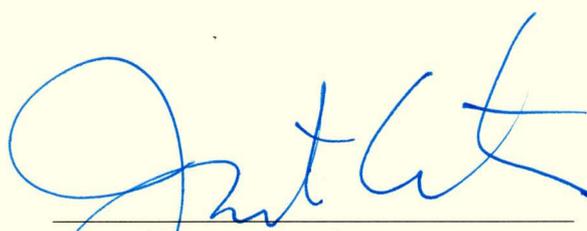
in the Province of British Columbia.

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 twenty-first day of January, two thousand nineteen and in the sixty-seventh year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

  
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Attorney General  
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

  
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Lieutenant Governor