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## PROCLAMATION

### ***Toastmasters' Month*** **February 2017**

**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 endeavor and link of work; and*

**Whereas**, *The first Toastmasters club was formed in 1924 in California and, today, after more than ninety-two years of outstanding achievement, Toastmasters International has grown to over 345,000 members in 15,900-plus clubs in 142 countries; and*

**Whereas**, *The first Toastmasters club outside the United States was chartered in 1935 in Victoria, British Columbia, and today, after more than eighty years, Toastmasters in British Columbia has grown to serve more than 5,000 members in 294 clubs; and*

**Whereas**, *The Toastmasters program helps people develop skills in speaking, listening, giving feedback, decision-making, effective meeting management, delegating and mentoring, 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 Toastmasters Clubs perform a valuable service to its members and the community.*

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Nils Jensen, Mayor of the District of Oak Bay, do hereby proclaim February 2017 "Toastmasters' Month" and encourage the people of our city to recognize the many accomplishments and opportunities in communication and leadership this outstanding organization has realized for people everywhere.

Nils Jensen, Mayor  
District of Oak Bay

