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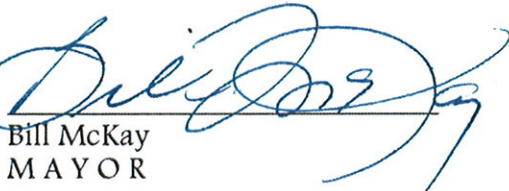
"TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL MONTH"
FEBRUARY 2018

- 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 line 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 Toastmasters clubs, perform a valuable service to its members and the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill McKay, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim that February 2018, shall be known as:

"TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL MONTH"

in the City of Nanaimo, British Columbia


Bill McKay
MAYOR

DATED THIS 26TH DAY OF JANUARY 2018.

