



# Canada

## Province of British Columbia

### A Proclamation

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

**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 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 Toastmasters International has now grown to over 260 000 members in more than 13 800 clubs in 150 countries, and

WHEREAS the first Toastmasters club outside the United States was chartered in 1935 in Victoria, British Columbia, and Toastmasters has since grown to serve more than 2 500 members in 200 clubs in British Columbia, and

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

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that February 2026 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 Wendy Cocchia, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this twenty-sixth day of January, two thousand twenty-six and in the fourth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General and Deputy Premier

Lieutenant Governor