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Honorable Mayor William Dalton
11222 Acacia Park
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Dear Honorable Mayor Dalton,

On behalf of Toastmasters International I am writing to request that you proclaim October 2009, as Toastmasters' Month in the City of Garden Grove. Your proclamation would be in conjunction with other cities, states, and countries from around the world to promote more people to enhance their communication and leadership skills.

Toastmasters, a non-profit organization, was founded by Dr. Ralph C. Smedley on October 22, 1924, at the YMCA in Santa Ana, California, to provide a supportive learning environment where members can build self-confidence and the vital communication skills necessary to succeed in personal and professional endeavors. Dr. Smedley's vision has flourished and Toastmasters has grown to become the world's leading organization that offers a proven – and enjoyable – way to hone the communication and leadership skills of more than 250,000 active members located in 106 countries.

Toastmasters International will celebrate 85 years of community service and 184 local clubs in the Founder's District will join the festivities with their anniversaries. We would be honored to have you, Mayor William Dalton, proclaim October 2009 as Toastmasters' Month in the City of Garden Grove. I respectfully request to receive the completed document no later than September 12, 2009, to coordinate delivery logistics and media coverage for the presentation at our "birthday" meetings. The proclamation can be mailed to my attention at the address listed at the bottom of this letter.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter, Mayor Dalton. Toastmasters International is honored to have your support.

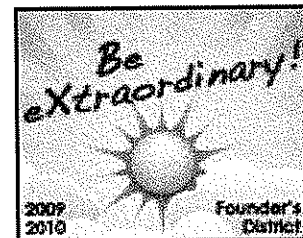
Sincerely,

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Approved for Agenda Listing

Matthew Fertal
City Manager



SAMPLE PROCLAMATION**

Toastmasters' Month October 2009

Whereas, the ability to speak in a clear and effective manner is a powerful and important skill that can help people overcome barriers to a measurable performance in virtually every endeavor and line of work; and

Whereas, by assisting in the development of essential communication skills, Toastmasters International performs a valuable service for its members and those who hear their message of opportunity, initiative, and good fellowship; and

Whereas, boasting more than eight and a half decades of outstanding achievement, Toastmasters International has grown to over 11,500 clubs in 106 countries worldwide, with more than 24,500 members in the state of California; and,

Whereas, this remarkable expansion is a direct result of the enhanced knowledge and experience that Toastmasters provides its members;

“Toastmasters' Month”

NOW, THEREFORE, I, _____, [Official's Name and Title], do hereby proclaim October 2009, as 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the [City] to be affixed this [DAY] day of [MONTH] 2009.

** This proclamation is based on the guidelines of Toastmasters International, a non-profit, non-sectarian organization devoted to the educational development of its members in the areas of communication and leadership.

The above text can be email to expedite the request by contacting Michael Varma at mvarma@foundersdistrict.org or calling (949) 554-5497.