

STATE OF OREGON  
**PROCLAMATION**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS:** Toastmasters International, a non-profit educational organization, is a leader in making effective oral communications a state, 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 line of work; 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 these essential skills, Toastmasters International and its member Toastmaster Clubs perform a valuable service to its members and the community; and

**WHEREAS:** The first Toastmasters club was formed in 1924 in California and today, after more than eighty-five years of outstanding achievement, Toastmasters International has grown to over 12,500 clubs in 106 countries, with more than 3000 members in the state of Oregon; and

**WHEREAS:** Toastmaster Club 31 of Portland, Oregon is celebrating 75 years of service.

**NOW,  
THEREFORE:** I, Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **February 1 – February 7, 2010** to be

**TOASTMASTERS WEEK**

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, January 19, 2010.



*Theodore R. Kulongoski*  
Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

*Kate Brown*  
Kate Brown, Secretary of State