

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 297350

ADOPTED ON NOV 18 2002

WHEREAS, Gavin Blakey of Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, has been elected President of Toastmasters International; and

WHEREAS, he is the top officer of the world's leading organization devoted to teaching skills in public speaking and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blakey, who is a principal engineer with the City of Brisbane, the largest local authority in Australia, also provides communication training for Australia's elite athletes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blakey used to dread public speaking, and says that overcoming that fear led to increased self-confidence, which in turn spurred him on to conquer other obstacles; and

WHEREAS, he is not alone -- "Our organization is full of people who have achieved results beyond their wildest dreams," he says, "We help people gain the skills and confidence to be the best they can be in whatever they choose to do" and as a result, Blakey's motto for his year in office is "Toastmasters: Bringing Out the Best in People;" and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blakey will be in San Diego, November 12 through 22, 2002 for a Presidential visit at the District 5 Toastmasters Fall Conference on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> where he will be featured as an Educational Speaker at the Four Points by Sheraton; and

WHEREAS, there are 124 Clubs in District 5, approximately 2,600 members in San Diego, San Diego County, Imperial County, Yuma/Arizona and Baja California/Mexico; and

WHEREAS, since Toastmasters International was founded 78 years ago, more than four million men and women have benefitted in 70 countries; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blakey is a passionate proponent of the organization's mission, which is to help people "learn the arts of speaking, listening and thinking - vital skills that promote a self-fulfillment, enhance leadership potential, and foster personal development"; and

WHEREAS, the mission of a Toastmasters Club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth;  
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, hereby proclaims November 22, 2002 to be **"International Toastmasters' Day"** in the City of San Diego.

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