

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY  
WASHINGTON**



**PROCLAMATION**

Declaring Toastmasters Week in Snohomish County

**WHEREAS**, the first Toastmasters Club was formed in 1924, in California, Toastmasters International, a nonprofit educational organization, is the world leader in public speaking training with more than 11,500 clubs and more than 226,000 members in 92 countries; and

**WHEREAS**, the Toastmasters program helps people learn the arts of speaking, listening and thinking, all vital skills that promote self-actualization, enhance leadership potential, foster human understanding and contribute to the betterment of humankind; and

**WHEREAS**, in today's competitive job market, employers are seeking employees who possess technical, leadership and communication skills; 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**, Governor Chris Gregoire is declaring Toastmasters Week in the State of Washington February 1-7 therefore recognizing the value of Toastmasters International and encourages participation to honor their programs; and

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 20 Toastmasters clubs in Snohomish County, representing more than 300 members, and Toastmasters Club #690 was sponsored by Snohomish County Government in 2002 as a cost-effective educational opportunity for its employees and will celebrate its seventh anniversary on May 12, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the Toastmasters' mission 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**, I, Aaron G. Reardon, Snohomish County Executive, in an effort to inform the public of the importance of public speaking and the benefits of improving speaking and leadership skills; do hereby declare February 1-7, as

**Toastmasters Week in Snohomish County**

signed this 26th day of January, 2009

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Aaron G. Reardon". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Aaron G. Reardon  
County Executive