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To Whom It May Concern:

I have had the pleasure of knowing Michael Smith for the past six months through Toastmasters International, a national public speaking organization, for which Michael is an active and gifted speaker and leader. Michael is a personable man with an above average level of professionalism. He communicates well with people of all ages and I have found him to be extremely committed to his position in mentoring and motivating our youth. He is consistently attentive, punctual and forthright in his passion for development of youth mentorship programs.

Michael has always been, and continues to be a highly motivated, determined and strong willed individual. He has overcome significant obstacles in his life and he possesses what appears to be an endless source of strength and courage. He is truly an inspiration to all who know him. He has excellent verbal communication skills and has taken the opportunity to give several outstanding motivational presentations at numerous local toastmaster clubs. He has also given numerous motivational speeches at local youth organizations.

He takes a genuine interest in those around him. He takes the time to get to know people and he willingly gives his support and encouragement to people in need. He has a contagious smile and he has the ability to be very uplifting. I believe Michael is an exemplary role model.

Michael has a very unique presentation style and message. I have no doubt he would be a very strong asset to your organization. If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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