

WHEREAS: In the early 1900s, Toastmasters clubs were born from an identified

need for a civic group to provide leadership and communication

support for organizations within the Illinois community; and

WHEREAS: Since its inception in 1924, Toastmasters International has

strengthened its members' and clients' abilities to speak in a clear and effective manner, a powerful and vital skill that can improve one's

performance throughout life; and

WHEREAS: By assisting in the development of essential communication skills,

Toastmasters International performs a valuable service for its members and affiliates while promoting a message of opportunity,

personal initiative, goodwill and community engagement; and

WHEREAS: Boasting more than nine decades of outstanding achievement,

Toastmasters International has grown to more than 16,600 clubs and more than 357,000 members in 143 countries around the world. District 84 currently serves more than 4,000 central and northern

Floridians with more than 200 clubs; and

WHEREAS: The City of Jacksonville joins the Toastmasters community in

celebrating the organization's history of helping members improve

their communication, public speaking and leadership skills.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 7-13, 2019 as

TOASTMASTERS AWARENESS WEEK

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to explore self-improvement while recognizing the significant contributions of this international group dedicated to leadership and communication.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this day of March in the year Two Thousand

MAYOR