

WHEREAS: Toastmasters clubs were born from an identified need in the early

1900's for a civic group to provide leadership and communication

support for organizations within the Illinois community; and

WHEREAS: Since 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 in virtually

every endeavor and avenue of 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 15,900 clubs and more than 345,000 members in 142 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 in

the areas of communication, public speaking and leadership.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 8 - 14, 2018 as

## TOASTMASTERS AWARENESS WEEK

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

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 1.5+ day of April in the year Two Thousand 18

MAYOR