



Mayoral Proclamation
Toastmasters International Day, (March 24, 2025)

WHEREAS, the Harbor Building that resides on the corner of Main and Market Streets is the first known building to host a Toastmasters meeting; and

WHEREAS, the founder, Dr. Ralph Smedley, being employed by the Bloomington YMCA was the originator of, and conducted the first Toastmasters meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Toastmasters International organization was founded on October, 22nd, 1924; and

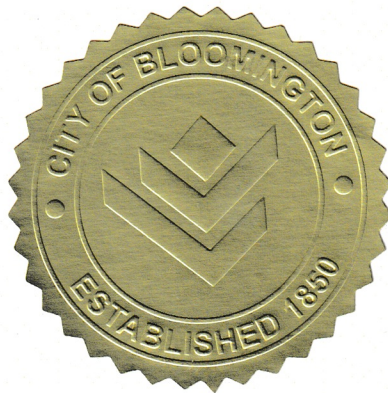
WHEREAS, the Toastmasters International organization is celebrating its 100th year; and

WHEREAS, the District 54 Toastmasters of Central Illinois is celebrating the 120th year anniversary of the first Toastmasters meeting held on March, 24th, 1905.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Mboka Mwilambwe, Mayor of the City of Bloomington, do hereby recognize March 24th, 2025, as **Toastmasters International Day**, and encourage all citizens to join the District 54 Toastmasters in the observance of this important day in the Bloomington Community.

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Mayor



Leslie Yocum

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City Clerk