A message of His Majesty the King of Tooro Rukirabasaija Dr. Oyo Nyimba Kabamba Iguru Rukidi IV, on the Launch of Tooro American Association, Inc (TAA) on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2015 in CHEVY CHASE, Maryland/Washington DC Metropolitan Area, USA.

I greet all of you in the mighty name of Jesus Christ and strongly hope that the good Lord is keeping you safe.

I take the greatest pleasure to thank all the members and friends of Tooro American Association for having organized this launch.

As the mission of your association goes, you should indeed foster a cultural understanding and restoration of Tooro values and traditions through Education and support of Tooro's cultural institutions. I urge you to strengthen your communities through networking, empowerment, and supporting each other in all spheres of life.

I do encourage you to put mechanisms in place - to see how best you can support the development projects back here at home.

You can work closely with my Kingdom administration which is headed by the Omuhikirwa (Prime Minister) – working with Amagatwa (Cabinet Ministers), and other grass root leaders like Abamasaza (County Chiefs), Abamagomborra (Sub-County Chiefs), Abemiruka (Parish chiefs), Abakungu (Village Chiefs); and, finally the Home.

I would like to give you a very strong ray of hope that Tooro Kingdom has taken strong strides, and is now on take-off stage. Let's take-off together and develop our Mother Tooro to greater heights!

Lastly, but not least, we can achieve all this if you remain alive. Please, take care of yourselves – especially, against the deadly HIV/AIDS. I appeal to you keep peace in your homes. Avoid Gender Based Violence in your homes, and let us all work together to ensure Safe Motherhood and Child Health in Tooro Kingdom.

I wish all of you a happy Easter and enjoy yourselves as you launch the great **Tooro American Association**.

Mukama Abalinde, kandi abakozese.

Dr Oyo Nyimba Kabamba Iguru Rukindi IV

Omukama wa Tooro