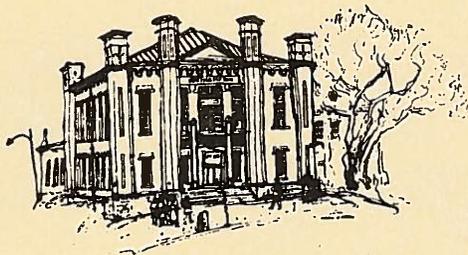


# Proclamation



**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**Bike Commute Day  
May 16, 2018  
Bay State Bike Week  
May 12-20, 2018**

**WHEREAS,** bicycling contributes to the health and fitness of residents, provides mobility, does not add to noise or air pollution, and provides an inexpensive and convenient way to commute; and

**WHEREAS,** bicyclists have the same rights and duties as drivers of other vehicles, including the right to use City streets; and

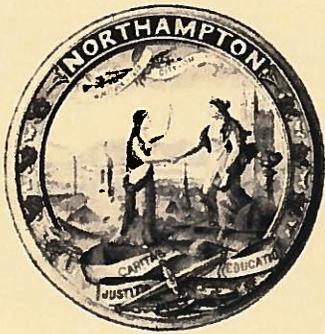
**WHEREAS,** bicyclists must follow the traffic laws as other vehicles, both for their own safety and for the safety of others; and

**WHEREAS,** there is much to celebrate in Northampton bicycling, the launch of the new bike share system, the city's first cycle track along Pleasant St. and the long-awaited opening of the tunnel under the railroad tracks connecting the downtown to the MassCentral Rail Trail; and

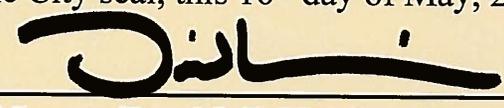
**WHEREAS,** bicycles are used in a variety of occupations, such as by members of Northampton's Police Department and by the people who haul trash and recycling from our downtown; and

**WHEREAS** the new electric pedal-assist *ValleyBike* share will provide more transportation options and introduce bicycle riding to a much wider population.

**NOW,  
THEREFORE,** I, David J. Narkewicz, do hereby proclaim May 16, 2018 to be **BIKE COMMUTE DAY** in the City of Northampton, and encourage all citizens who are able to bicycle to work or school, and to take cognizance of bicyclists in their travels. I urge citizens to consider bicycling as an efficient, planet-friendly, and enjoyable mode of transportation and recreation.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have set my hand and imprinted the City seal, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.

  
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**Mayor David J. Narkewicz**