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 16th day of May, 2018.

Mayor David J. Narkewicz