

Proclamation



CITY OF NORTHAMPTON COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TIBET DAY MARCH 10th, 2019

WHEREAS, On March 10, 2019, Tibetans throughout the world will gather to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Tibetan National Uprising against the brutal occupation of their country and to pay tribute to the more than one million Tibetans who have died in their struggle for the freedom of Tibet; and

WHEREAS, The occupation and ongoing suppression of human rights and freedom in Tibet and the intentional marginalization of Tibetan culture and identity should continue to be a concern for all freedom-loving people everywhere; and

WHEREAS, In 1989, His Holiness the Dalai Lama was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his non-violent struggle for the liberation of Tibet. His Holiness the Dalai Lama proposed the Middle-Way Approach to peacefully resolve the issue of Tibet and to bring about stability and co-existence between the Tibetan and Chinese peoples based on equality and mutual co-operation which was later adopted democratically by the Central Tibetan Administration and the Tibetan people; and

WHEREAS, The City of Northampton is the home to a small vibrant Tibetan community that contributes to culture and diversity of our city; and

WHEREAS, In a major legislative landmark and with bipartisan support for Tibet, the United States passed the *Reciprocal Access to Tibet Act* into law on December 19th, 2018. This bill authored by Massachusetts' Congressman James McGovern takes direct aim at the Chinese government's unfair treatment of Americans including Tibetan Americans and pushes back against its isolation of Tibet from the outside world.

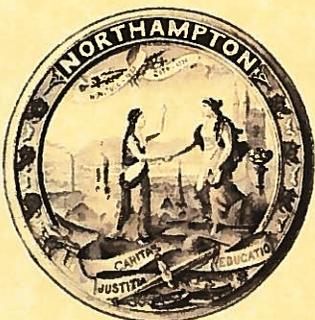
NOW,

THEREFORE, I, David J. Narkewicz, Mayor of the City of Northampton, do hereby proclaim March 10th, 2019 to be:

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and further by hoisting the Tibetan National flag atop the city flagpole from March 10th to March 17th to help cultivate awareness for all residents of the City of Northampton.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts on this 10th day of March, 2019



Mayor David J. Narkewicz