

Proclamation



CITY OF NORTHAMPTON COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

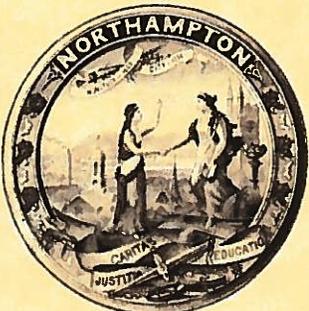
LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER RECOGNITION DAY MAY 4th, 2019

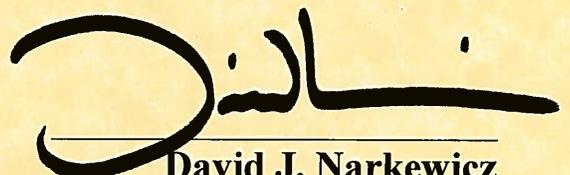
- WHEREAS,** Over the course of more than two centuries of striving and sacrificing, our country has expanded civil rights and equal protection into our Constitution; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Northampton shares a common trajectory toward a more free and just society; and
- WHEREAS,** we are also reminded that we are not truly equal until every person is afforded the same rights and opportunities; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Northampton has set aside today, May 4th, 2019, for the **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride March**; and
- WHEREAS,** Northampton Pride is a time to celebrate the incredible strength and diversity of our LGBTQ community- especially this year on the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots in New York City- to reflect upon the hard-fought progress we've made fighting for freedom, equality and civil rights; and
- WHEREAS** Northampton Pride must also be a time for continued vigilance and activism as our LGBTQ brothers and sisters still face discrimination, violence, and political efforts to roll back those hard-fought rights; and
- WHEREAS,** Without the positive contributions of community members, volunteers, and business people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or identify as queer, Northampton Pride would not be marking its 38th year. I'd like to give a special thank you to all the volunteers, sponsors and vendors who make this important event happen; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Mayor David J. Narkewicz, do hereby proclaim today as **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Recognition Day** in the City of Northampton and ask all to recognize the important contributions that the L/G/B/T/Q has made in our community and in our lives

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and imprinted the seal of the City of Northampton this 4th day of May, 2019.




David J. Narkewicz
Mayor