

# Proclamation



## CITY OF NORTHAMPTON COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

### NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH MAY 2019

**WHEREAS:** The family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support, is the very foundation of our community; and

**WHEREAS:** In Northampton, there are children and youth in foster care being provided with a safe, secure and stable home along with the compassion and nurturing of a foster family; and

**WHEREAS:** Foster families, who open their homes and hearts and offer help to children whose families are in crisis, play a vital role in helping children and families heal, reconnect and launch children into successful adulthood; and

**WHEREAS:** Dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster children, resulting in a greater need for more foster families; and

**WHEREAS:** There are numerous individuals and public and private organizations who work to increase public awareness of the needs of children leaving foster care as well as the enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents; and

**WHEREAS:** In our area, there are almost 2,000 children younger than 18 years old in foster care, but there are only 900 foster families; and

**NOW,  
THEREFORE,** I, Mayor David J. Narkewicz, do hereby proclaim May 2019 as

#### **Foster Care Month**

in Northampton. I urge all citizens to come forward and do something positive that will help change a life for children and youth in foster care.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have set my hand and imprinted the seal of the City of Northampton on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.



A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'David J. Narkewicz'.

**David J. Narkewicz, Mayor**