Proclamation

CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Nuclear Ban Day
September 26th, 2019

WHEREAS, the City of Northampton has a long history of supporting the mitigation and abolition of nuclear weapons. In the 1980s our city was among the first nationally to push for the establishment of a Nuclear-Free-Zone; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, the City of Northampton joined the Mayors for Peace initiative, originating from the Mayor of Hiroshima, seeking a ban on the use of nuclear weapons; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, over 122 member countries of the United Nations adopted the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and it is now on its way to becoming international law; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations had declared September 26th as the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons; and

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2017, the Northampton City Council adopted R-17.425, A Resolution Calling for the United States to “Pull Back from the Brink” and Prevent Nuclear War seeking U.S. support of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons by our federal leaders; and

WHEREAS, on September 26th, 2018, I issued an Executive Policy Order requiring the City of Northampton to reduce and eventually eliminate any and all ties to the nuclear weapons industry.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor David J. Narkewicz proclaim September 26th, 2019 as

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and encourage the citizens of our community to be aware of and work towards these important efforts to rid the world of nuclear weapons.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and have imprinted the seal of the City on this 26th day of September, 2019.

Mayor David J. Narkewicz