Proclamation

CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Fair Trade Day
October 19, 2019

WHEREAS, Ten Thousand Villages opened for business in Northampton on this day in October 1999, providing the community with a space to find Fair Trade, handcrafted ethical goods;

WHEREAS, Northampton Massachusetts, as the sixth Fair Trade town in the United States, affirms the principals of safe conditions for workers, fair wages, environmental responsibility, and empowering communities in developing countries;

WHEREAS, numerous organizations in Northampton and Massachusetts work with constituents and communities to bring forth the promise of a future where all craftspeople across the world are given equal opportunity for prosperity through the principles of Fair Trade;

WHEREAS, October 19, 2019 celebrates the 20th Anniversary of the Ten Thousand Villages in Northampton.

NOW THEREFORE, I, David Narkewicz, Mayor, do hereby proclaim October 19th, 2019, as

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in the City of Northampton and encourage the citizens of our community to be aware of the importance of Ten Thousand Villages and the Fair Trade movement in helping to promote environmental awareness and helping to create economic justice in the world.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and have imprinted the seal of the City on this 19th day of October, 2019.

Mayor David J. Narkewicz