WHEREAS, public works services provided in our community are an integral part of our citizens' everyday lives; and

WHEREAS, the support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation of public works systems and programs such as water, sewer, streets, stormwater, parks, cemeteries, flood control and solid waste; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety and comfort of this community greatly depends on these facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, Whereas, the quality and effectiveness of these facilities, as well as their planning, design, and construction, is vitally dependent upon the efforts and skill of public works officials; and

WHEREAS, the efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel who staff public works departments is materially influenced by the people's attitude and understanding of the importance of the work they perform; and

WHEREAS, the year 2015 marks the 55th Annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor David J. Narkewicz, do hereby proclaim the week of May 17-23, 2015 to be

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

in the City of Northampton. I call upon all citizens and civic organizations to acquaint themselves with the issues involved in providing our public works and to recognize the contributions which public works officials make every day to our health, safety, comfort, and quality of life.

In Witness Whereof, I have set my hand and imprinted the seal of the City of Northampton,

Mayor David J. Narkewicz