

Proclamation



CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Bike Commute Day MAY 13, 2015

part of
Bay State Bike Week
May 9-17, 2015

- WHEREAS,* bicycling contributes to the health and fitness of residents, provides mobility to young people, does not add to noise or air pollution, and provides an inexpensive and convenient way to commute; and
- WHEREAS,* bicyclists have the same rights and duties as drivers of other vehicles, including the right to use City streets; and
- WHEREAS,* bicyclists must follow the traffic laws as other vehicles, both for their own safety and for the safety of others; and
- WHEREAS,* the City of Northampton offers bike paths, parks, rivers and other scenic opportunities for bicycle recreation and tourism, and the City has installed bike racks throughout the downtown and has painted bike lanes to encourage bicycling; and
- WHEREAS,* bicycles are used in a variety of occupations, such as by members of Northampton's Police Department and by the people who haul trash and recycling from our downtown.
- NOW,
THEREFORE,* I, David J. Narkewicz, do hereby proclaim May 13, 2015 to be **BIKE COMMUTE DAY** in the City of Northampton, and encourage all citizens who are able to bicycle to work or school, and to take cognizance of bicyclists in their travels. I urge citizens to consider bicycling as an efficient, planet-friendly, and enjoyable mode of transportation and recreation.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and
imprinted the City seal, this 13th day of May, 2015



David J. Narkewicz
Mayor, City of Northampton