

# Proclamation



**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

## **MEMORIAL DAY MAY 25, 2015**

WHEREAS, from 1776 to the present, thousands of Northampton citizens have served and continue to serve in our nation's armed forces; and

WHEREAS, it is our solemn duty on this day and every day to honor the memory of the men and women who died while serving our nation in uniform; and

WHEREAS, our city is home to the graves of over 5,000 of these brave veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for community and country; and

WHEREAS, Northampton is cognizant of the debt we owe those who died protecting our freedoms and has a long and distinguished commitment of honoring their memory; and

WHEREAS, there is no stronger measure of that commitment than today's parade, one of the oldest in the nation marking 147<sup>th</sup> consecutive years of Memorial Day ceremonies in this great city.

NOW,  
THEREFORE, I, Mayor David J. Narkewicz, do hereby declare Memorial Day a special day of remembrance on which we, the citizens of Northampton, rededicate ourselves to the task of honoring our fallen service men and women and the families who loved and supported them.

**In Witness whereof, I have set my hand and imprinted the seal of the City of Northampton this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.**



**Mayor David J. Narkewicz**