

Proclamation



CITY OF NORTHAMPTON COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

A Day to Recognize the Dedication and Service of Chief of Police Russell P. Sienkiewicz June 19, 2015

- WHEREAS,** Chief of Police Russell P. Sienkiewicz has served the citizens of the City of Northampton for 37 years, 21 years as Chief of Police; and
- WHEREAS,** Chief Sienkiewicz was born and raised in Northampton on Sherman Avenue, attended Bridge Street Elementary School, Hawley Junior High School, and Northampton High School; and
- WHEREAS,** Chief Sienkiewicz joined the Northampton Police Department in 1978, was promoted to sergeant in 1986, to lieutenant in 1988, to detective lieutenant in 1989 and was appointed Chief of Police in 1994 by former Mayor Mary L. Ford; and
- WHEREAS,** Chief Sienkiewicz has served the citizens of the City of Northampton under former Mayor Mary L. Ford, former Mayor Mary Clare Higgins, and current Mayor David J. Narkewicz; and
- WHEREAS,** Chief Sienkiewicz has been one of three police representatives appointed by the Secretary of Public Safety to serve on the Western Region Homeland Security Advisory Council and served as Chairman of the Interoperability Committee overseeing multi-discipline, interagency communication projects of the Western Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association; and
- WHEREAS,** Chief Sienkiewicz has worked to expand the educational requirements, training, equipment and resources of the Northampton Police Department, including the achievement of accreditation by the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission five times from 2002-2014; and
- WHEREAS,** Chief Sienkiewicz has been a trailblazer for progressive policing, including his support for openly gay members of the department, his promotion of women officers to high-ranking positions in the department, and his support for important public health and safety initiatives like domestic violence prevention, mental health training, and needle exchange; and
- WHEREAS,** Chief Sienkiewicz was a tireless advocate for a new police station during his tenure, culminating on November 2, 2010 when Northampton voters overwhelmingly supported a \$10 million debt exclusion override toward the construction of \$17.6 million police facility and parking deck. Our beautiful, state-of-the-art and Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED) Gold police station opened for service in July 2012 and stands as a testament to the Chief's determined leadership and support for his personnel and department; and
- WHEREAS,** Chief Sienkiewicz's long and distinguished career has embodied the mission statement of the Northampton Police Department: "While striving toward professional excellence, we are dedicated to work in partnership with our community to prevent and suppress crime, to reduce the fear of crime, and to enhance the quality of life through respect and understanding for all"; and so

NOW,

THEREFORE I, Mayor David J. Narkewicz, do hereby declare Friday, June 19, 2015 a day to recognize the dedication and service of Chief of Police Russell P. Sienkiewicz in the City of Northampton. I encourage all city residents to join me in thanking Chief Sienkiewicz for his service to our community while wishing him well in his retirement.



*In Witness whereof, I have set my hand and imprinted
the City seal, this 19th day of June in the year 2015*

Mayor David J. Narkewicz