

Proclamation



CITY OF NORTHAMPTON COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

**Arbor Day
April 29, 2016**

WHEREAS, since 1872, a special day has been set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, the holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, lower our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our City increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2015 the newly appointed tree warden and Public Shade Tree Commission planted 112 new public shade trees in Northampton; and

WHEREAS, integrating urban forestry more significantly into sustainable planning initiatives for Northampton is essential to protecting, promoting and expanding our city's tree canopy; and

NOW,
THEREFORE I, Mayor David J. Narkewicz, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2016 Arbor Day in Northampton, and urge all residents to celebrate and support our precious tree canopy for the well-being of this and future generations.

*In Witness whereof, I have set my hand and imprinted
the City seal, this 29th day of April in the year 2016.*



A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "D. Narkewicz".

Mayor David J. Narkewicz