Proclamation

CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Community Enterprises, Inc.
40th Anniversary
May 12, 2016

WHEREAS, Community Enterprises, Inc. has supported employment, education, and housing for individuals with disabilities since it was incorporated in 1975 empowering people with disabilities to live, learn, work and thrive independently; and

WHEREAS, Community Enterprises’ origins trace back forty years to the wards of Northampton State Hospital, where in 1972, some progressive staff members applied for and received a small grant to develop a program to train residents to live and work outside the hospital; and

WHEREAS, This Northampton based agency has grown to provide community employment, community living and educational services daily for more than 2,000 people with physical, psychiatric, and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Community Enterprises now operates in 27 service locations throughout Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Oklahoma, and Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, Community Enterprises received a three-year accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities in 2015, emphasizing the organization’s commitment to quality services for its clients; and so

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David J. Narkewicz, Mayor of the City of Northampton, do hereby proclaim, May 12, 2016 as a day to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Community Enterprises, Inc. and extend best wishes and congratulations to them on behalf of the citizens of Northampton.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Northampton.

David J. Narkewicz, Mayor