

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