WHEREAS,

Today is recognized as National Gun Violence Awareness Day to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence; and

WHEREAS,

Every day 91 Americans are killed by gun violence and the lives of countless others are injured; and

WHEREAS,

Americans are 25 times more likely to be murdered with guns than people in other developed countries; and

WHEREAS,

on January 29, 2013, a 15 year old Chicago teen was killed a week after she marched in the presidential inaugural parade, which started a movement to honor the teen by wearing orange, the color hunters wear to announce themselves to other hunters, a color that symbolizes the value of human life; and

WHEREAS,

by wearing orange today, Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives and lost human potential of Americans lives stolen by gun violence; and

WHEREAS,

the City supports continued local, state, and national efforts to strengthen gun safety and educate the community on safe gun storage; and so

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Mayor David J. Narkewicz, do hereby proclaim June 2, 2016 to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the City of Northampton.

In Witness whereof, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Northampton.

Mayor David J. Narkewicz