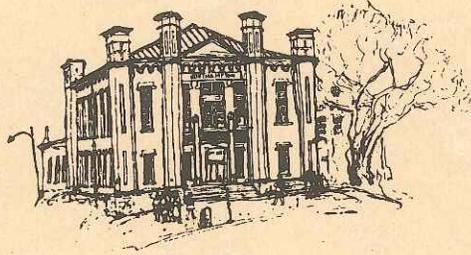


# Proclamation



**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**RELAY FOR LIFE DAYS  
June 17-18, 2016**



- WHEREAS,** The American Cancer Society is the nation's largest and most respected voluntary health organization since 1913 and has funded research which has contributed to every known method for detecting cancer and techniques for treating cancer: thereby increasing the cancer survival rates from 10% to over 65%; and
- WHEREAS,** Relay For Life is the signature activity of the American Cancer Society and celebrates cancer survivors (anyone who has ever been diagnosed with cancer) and caregivers, and remembers those lost to the disease; and empowers individuals and communities to fight back against cancer so that nobody will have to hear the words "you have cancer" again; and
- WHEREAS,** the color purple is the signature color of the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life events signifying the passion that cancer survivors and their families and loved ones feel for the eradication of this disease, and
- WHEREAS,** the Relay for Life event financially benefits the American Cancer Society's research and patient support programs, and educationally benefits our local citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** The American Cancer Society funds more than \$100 million in cancer research each year;
- THEREFORE,** I, Mayor David J. Narkewicz, do hereby proclaim June 17 and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 as **Relay For Life Days** in Northampton inviting Northampton Residents to show support for the inspiring survivors and those caregivers who offer their time love and support to those facing cancer.



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

David J. Narkewicz, Mayor