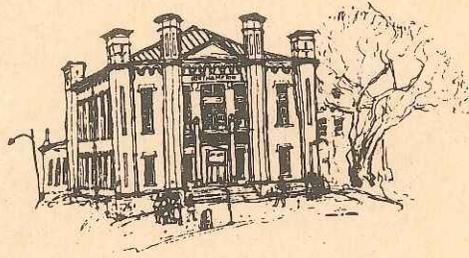


Proclamation



**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

SHELTER SUNDAY October 16, 2016

- WHEREAS,** This year is the 25th Anniversary of Shelter Sunday which is sponsored by a dedicated coalition of local non-profit organizations seeking to assist the homeless and the hungry in our community; and
- WHEREAS,** all fundraising proceeds go directly to the families and individuals these organizations serve; and
- WHEREAS,** everyday there are men, women, youth and families with children who do not have a place they can call home; and
- WHEREAS,** many families and individuals, homeless or not, are in need of assistance for healthy meals; and
- WHEREAS,** many individuals and families who are homeless require integrated services such as housing, employment search, job training, case management, mental health and addiction treatment, domestic violence and legal assistance; and
- WHEREAS,** the United Nations has declared decent and affordable housing to be a basic human right; and
- WHEREAS,** plans to prevent homelessness have been initiated at the local, regional, state, and federal level; and
- WHEREAS,** agencies and non-profit organizations in Northampton have planned their 25th Annual Shelter Sunday event for today, October 16, 2016, to foster awareness about the homeless and hungry in our communities and to raise needed funds to sustain sheltering programs,
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, David Narkewicz, Mayor of the City of Northampton, do hereby proclaim the 16th day of October 2016 to be Shelter Sunday in Northampton and encourage all to join in support of this event which assists men, women and families who are homeless and/or hungry living in our community.



**In Witness Whereof, I have set my hand and
Affixed the seal of the City of Northampton.**

MAYOR DAVID J. NARKEWICZ