CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TIBETAN NATIONAL UPRISING DAY
MARCH 10, 2017

WHEREAS March 10, 2017 marks the 58th Anniversary of the Tibetan National Uprising when Tibetans took to the streets of Lhasa to protest China’s invasion and occupation of Tibet; and

WHEREAS Despite China’s best efforts to assimilate and wipe out Tibetan identity and its culture, Tibetan resistance continues non-violently to this day; and

WHEREAS The occupation and ongoing suppression of human rights and freedom in Tibet and the degradation of Tibetan culture and identity should continue to be a concern for all freedom-loving people everywhere; and

WHEREAS His Holiness the Dalai Lama, is a global icon of compassion and peace and the heart and soul for Tibetans world-wide; and,

WHEREAS Our vibrant Tibetan American community of Western Massachusetts has made tremendous contributions to the City of Northampton’s society and culture; and

THEREFORE I, David J. Narkewicz, Mayor of the City of Northampton do hereby proclaim March 10th, 2017 to be:

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and urge all the citizens of Northampton to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts

Mayor David J. Narkewicz