

# Proclamation



**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**Bike Commute Day  
May 17, 2017  
Bay State Bike Week  
May 13-21, 2017**

*WHEREAS,* bicycling contributes to the health and fitness of residents, provides mobility to young people, does not add to noise or air pollution, and provides an inexpensive and convenient way to commute; and

*WHEREAS,* bicyclists have the same rights and duties as drivers of other vehicles, including the right to use City streets; and

*WHEREAS,* bicyclists must follow the traffic laws as other vehicles, both for their own safety and for the safety of others; and

*WHEREAS,* the City of Northampton offers bike paths, parks, rivers and other scenic opportunities for bicycle recreation and tourism, and the City has installed bike racks throughout the downtown and has painted bike lanes to encourage bicycling; and

*WHEREAS,* bicycles are used in a variety of occupations, such as by members of Northampton's Police Department and by the people who haul trash and recycling from our downtown.

*NOW,  
THEREFORE,* I, David J. Narkewicz, do hereby proclaim May 17, 2017 to be **BIKE COMMUTE DAY** in the City of Northampton, and encourage all citizens who are able to bicycle to work or school, and to take cognizance of bicyclists in their travels. I urge citizens to consider bicycling as an efficient, planet-friendly, and enjoyable mode of transportation and recreation.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and  
imprinted the City seal, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017



A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "D. Narkewicz".

**Mayor David J. Narkewicz**