WHEREAS, In 2015 the Massachusetts Legislature passed the Race Amity Bill establishing the second Sunday in June of each year as a time for Americans to reflect and affirm the dignity of the diverse racial, cultural, and religious backgrounds that constitutes the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the greatest asset of the City of Northampton is its people; and

WHEREAS, Friendship, inclusion, respect, and kindness are shared ideals of our community; and

WHEREAS, The City of Northampton holds true to the Great Seal of the United States which bears the inscription E Pluribus Unum, which translates from Latin as "Out of many, one"; and

WHEREAS, organizations and communities across the country, motivated by the ideals behind the motto of E Pluribus Unum, have joined together in introspection and reflection on how the diversity of the people have been indispensable in creating the United States; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor David J. Narkewicz, do hereby proclaim June 11th, 2017 to be

RACE AMITY DAY

in the City of Northampton. I ask everyone to recognize this event and to celebrate its annual observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have set my hand and imprinted the seal of the City of Northampton,

Mayor David J. Narkewicz