

Proclamation



**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**FLAG DAY
June 14, 2017**

WHEREAS, The Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of our young republic on June 14, 1777 as a proud symbol of the people of our nation and the values for which we stand; and

WHEREAS, Flag Day was first celebrated throughout the country in 1877 to observe the centennial of the birth of our national symbol; and

WHEREAS, President Woodrow Wilson officially established Flag Day by proclamation in 1916 and it became a national observance in 1949 by an Act of Congress signed into law by President Harry Truman; and

WHEREAS, During the darkest hours of war, Americans look to the purity, hardiness, valor, vigilance, perseverance, and justice represented by our flag as ideals worthy of sacrifice in order to protect our nation and we salute the veterans who served under it; and

WHEREAS, On Flag Day, we remember the struggles and successes for which our flag stands and we look to the flag as an everlasting symbol of our commitment to a world of peace, a nation of principle, independence and unity; and

**NOW,
THEREFORE,** I, Mayor David J. Narkewicz, do hereby declare June 14, 2017 as Flag Day in the City of Northampton and urge all citizens to display the flag of the United States and respect it as a symbol of democracy and freedom to honor America and celebrate our heritage.

In Witness whereof, I have set my hand and imprinted the seal of the City of Northampton this 14th day of June, 2017.



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

Mayor David J. Narkewicz