CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS
JULY 31, 2017

WHEREAS, Nearly a quarter of a million women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in the United States this year; and

WHEREAS, The Massachusetts rate of breast cancer is 5% higher than the national average and

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WHEREAS, At Cooley Dickinson Hospital, breast cancer makes up 28 percent of all cancers diagnosed and/or treated, and

WHEREAS, 49 percent of women and 2 percent of men treated for cancer at Cooley Dickinson are treated for breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, Screening is an effective way to detect breast cancer in its earliest stages; and

WHEREAS, Cooley Dickinson Hospital Breast Cancer Center is a facility that offers comprehensive services including breast exams, screening, diagnostic breast imaging, biopsy and wire localization, ultrasound, and bone density screening; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of this new, state-of-the-art Breast Center, I issue this proclamation so that together we may encourage breast screening and stand with those diagnosed with breast cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor David Narkewicz, hereby proclaim July 31, 2017 as a day to shine a light on breast cancer and appreciate the new resources now available at Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton.

In Witness whereof, I have set my hand and imprinted the City seal, this 31st day of July in the year 2017.

Mayor David J. Narkewicz