

Proclamation



**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Purple Heart Day August 7, 2017

- WHEREAS,** the citizens of Northampton hold the military service of its sons and daughters in the highest esteem, and
- WHEREAS,** Northampton's veterans have given much of themselves through their service and inspire in us a sense of enormous gratitude, and
- WHEREAS,** men and women who have served in the Armed Forces from this community have suffered wounds and have died in conflicts throughout our long history, and
- WHEREAS,** our community has a proud tradition of military service and many of our citizens have earned the meritorious combat decoration of the Purple Heart Medal that is bestowed upon those who "are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who are killed in action.", and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Northampton was officially designated a Purple Heart City in December 2013 by the Massachusetts Military Order of the Purple Heart, and
- WHEREAS,** eleven main entrances into the city of Northampton and the entrance to the VA Medical Center in Leeds are now marked with signs designating Northampton as a Purple Heart City, and
- NOW,
THEREFORE,** I, Mayor David J. Narkewicz declare August 7, 2017 as Purple Heart Day in the City of Northampton and I call upon all residents to honor the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform who were wounded or killed while protecting the liberties and freedom enjoyed by our community.



**In witness whereof, I have set my hand and imprinted
the City seal, this 7th day of August, 2017.**

A large, bold, handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "David J. Narkewicz".

Mayor David J. Narkewicz