

# Proclamation



**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
National Friends of Libraries Week  
October 15 – 21, 2017**

**WHEREAS,** Friends of the city's libraries raise money that enable our libraries to move from good to great -- providing the resources for additional programming, much needed equipment, support for children's summer reading, and special events throughout the year; and

**WHEREAS,** the work of the Friends highlight on an on-going basis the fact that our libraries are the cornerstone of the community providing opportunities for all to engage in the joy of life-long learning and connect with the thoughts and ideas of others from ages past to the present; and

**WHEREAS,** the Friends understand the critical importance of well-funded libraries and advocate to ensure that our library gets the resources it needs to provide a wide variety of services to all ages including access to print and electronic materials, along with expert assistance in research, readers' advisory, and children's services; and

**WHEREAS,** the Friends' gift of their time and commitment to the library sets an example for all in how volunteerism leads to positive civic engagement and the betterment of our community; and so

**NOW,  
THEREFORE,** I, Mayor David J. Narkewicz, hereby proclaim October 15-21, 2017, as Friends of Libraries week in Northampton and urge everyone to join the Friends and thank them for all they do to make our libraries and community so much better.

*In Witness whereof, I have set my hand and imprinted the  
City seal, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year 2017.*

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, positioned above a horizontal line.

Mayor David J. Narkewicz

