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 16th day of October in the year 2017.

Mayor David J. Narkewicz