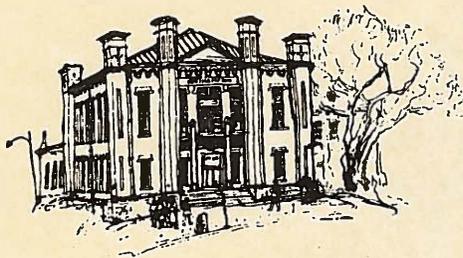


# Proclamation



**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**SHELTER SUNDAY  
October 15, 2017**

- WHEREAS,** This year is the 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Shelter Sunday which is sponsored by a dedicated coalition of local non-profit organizations seeking to assist the homeless and the hungry in our community; and
- WHEREAS,** all fundraising proceeds go directly to the families and individuals these organizations serve; and
- WHEREAS,** everyday there are men, women, youth and families with children who do not have a place they can call home; and
- WHEREAS,** many families and individuals, homeless or not, are in need of assistance for healthy meals; and
- WHEREAS,** many individuals and families who are homeless require integrated services such as housing, employment search, job training, case management, mental health and addiction treatment, domestic violence and legal assistance; and
- WHEREAS,** the United Nations has declared decent and affordable housing to be a basic human right; and
- WHEREAS,** plans to prevent homelessness have been initiated at the local, regional, state, and federal level; and
- WHEREAS,** agencies and non-profit organizations in Northampton have planned their 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Shelter Sunday event for today, October 15, 2017, to foster awareness about the homeless and hungry in our communities and to raise needed funds to sustain sheltering programs,
- NOW,  
THEREFORE,** I, David Narkewicz, Mayor of the City of Northampton, do hereby proclaim the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017 to be Shelter Sunday in Northampton and encourage all to join in support of this event which assists men, women and families who are homeless and/or hungry living in our community.



**In Witness Whereof, I have set my hand and  
Affixed the seal of the City of Northampton.**

**MAYOR DAVID J. NARKEWICZ**