WHEREAS, This year is the 26th 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 26th 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 15th 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