CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BABY-FRIENDLY COOLEY DICKINSON HOSPITAL DAY
FEBRUARY 27, 2018

WHEREAS, Baby-Friendly USA awarded Cooley Dickinson Hospital’s Childbirth Center with the Baby-Friendly designation, and

WHEREAS, Baby-Friendly USA is part of global initiative led by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), and

WHEREAS, the designation of Baby-Friendly recognizes hospitals that offer an optimal level of care for breastfeeding mothers and their babies, and

WHEREAS, if a woman chooses not to breastfeed, or cannot breastfeed due to medical contraindications, safe formula feeding techniques are taught along with skin-to-skin bonding and rooming in, a practice that allows mothers and infants to remain together 24 hours a day, and

WHEREAS, providing infants with human milk gives them the most complete nutrition possible, while providing an optimal mix of nutrients and antibodies necessary for each baby to thrive, and

WHEREAS, the Cooley Dickinson Hospital Childbirth Center staff and doctors worked diligently to earn the Baby-Friendly USA designation, and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the second Childbirth Center in western Massachusetts and the 12th in the Commonwealth to earn Baby-Friendly, which recognizes the Cooley Dickinson Hospital’s Childbirth Center’s teamwork and compliance with rigorous standards developed to improve health outcomes for moms, families, and babies in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Mayor David J. Narkewicz, do hereby proclaim February 27, 2018 to be Baby-Friendly Cooley Dickinson Hospital Day and invite citizens to acknowledge this important achievement.

In Witness whereof, I have set my hand and imprinted the seal of the City of Northampton.

David J. Narkewicz, Mayor