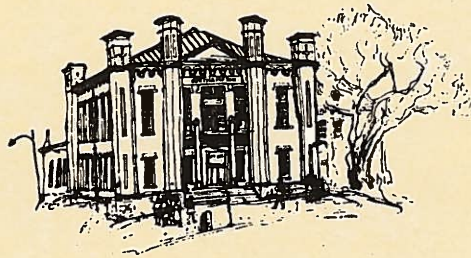# Proclamation

CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE DAY
May 9, 2018

WHEREAS, children are the future and, by investing in them today, we are ensuring our world for tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, all students have a right to have their health needs safely met while in the school setting; and

WHEREAS, children today face more complex and life-threatening health problems requiring care in school; and

WHEREAS, school nurses have served a critical role in improving public health and in ensuring student's academic success for more than 100 years; and

WHEREAS, school nurses are professional nurses that advance the well-being, academic success, and life-long achievements of all students by serving on the frontlines and providing a critical safety net for our nation's most fragile children; and

WHEREAS, school nurses act as a liaison to the school community, parents, and health care providers on behalf of children's health by promoting wellness and improving health outcomes for our nation's children; and

WHEREAS, school nurses support the health and educational success of children and youth by providing access to care when children's cognitive development is at its peak; and

WHEREAS, school nurses are members of school-based mental health teams; and

WHEREAS, school nurses understand the link between health and learning and are in a position to make a positive difference for children every day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David J. Narkewicz, Mayor of the City of Northampton, do hereby proclaim May 9, 2018 as **NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE DAY**. Let us acknowledge the accomplishments of school nurses and their efforts to meet the needs of today's students by improving the delivery of health care in our schools. Let us thank them for contributing to local communities by helping students stay healthy, in school, and ready to learn, and by helping to keep parents and guardians at work.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and imprinted the seal of the City of Northampton, this 9th day of May in the year 2018.

David J. Narkewicz, Mayor