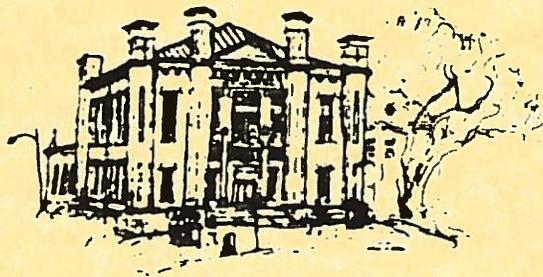


Proclamation



CITY OF NORTHAMPTON COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH APRIL 2019

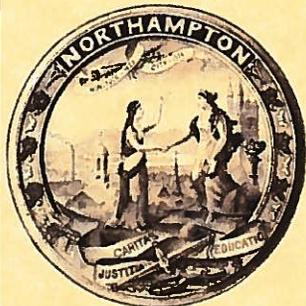
- WHEREAS,** 334,626 children were victims of abuse and neglect nationwide in 2018; and
- WHEREAS,** 8,517 children in Massachusetts were victims of abuse and neglect in 2018; and
- WHEREAS,** 1,975 local children have received services for abuse at the Children's Advocacy Center of Hampshire County since 2006; and
- WHEREAS,** Every year over **100** local children need the services of the Children's Advocacy Center of Hampshire County; and
- WHEREAS,** The victory over child abuse and neglect will not be achieved without the support of the entire community and recognition of the importance of awareness raising to decrease incidents of abuse and support child abuse victims and their families; and
- WHEREAS,** Each April, the City of Northampton and other supporters of the Child Advocacy Community ask the public to join in outreach efforts to reduce and prevent child abuse.

**NOW,
THEREFORE,** I, Mayor David J. Narkewicz, hereby proclaim that April 2019 will be known as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH in Northampton

and the Child Abuse Awareness flag will be flown for the month to support and remember the victims and survivors of abuse.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and imprinted the City seal, this 12th day of April in the year 2019.



David J. Narkewicz, Mayor