

# Proclamation



CITY OF NORTHAMPTON  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS



April 30, 2021

- WHEREAS,** Since 1872, a special day has been set aside for the planting of trees; and
- WHEREAS,** The holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and
- WHEREAS,** Trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, lower our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and
- WHEREAS,** Trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and
- WHEREAS,** In 2020, despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the City planted more than 220 new trees with the help of over 100 dedicated volunteers; and,
- WHEREAS,** The Urban Forestry Commission, in partnership with Tree Northampton, is giving away 500 seedlings on April 30 and May 1 to city residents to commemorate Arbor Day; and,
- WHEREAS,** During the week leading up to Arbor Day, the Urban Forestry Commission, in partnership with Tree Northampton, is planting 65 new trees with the hopes of reaching 400 new trees planted in 2021; and,
- WHEREAS,** Integrating urban forestry practices more significantly into sustainable planning initiatives for Northampton is essential to protecting, promoting, and expanding our city's tree canopy; and

**NOW,  
THEREFORE**

I, Mayor David J. Narkewicz, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2021,

## Arbor Day

in Northampton, and urge all residents to celebrate and support our precious tree canopy for the well-being of this and future generations.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and imprinted the seal of the City of Northampton, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of 2021.**



A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Narkewicz".

Mayor David J. Narkewicz