

# Proclamation



## CITY OF NORTHAMPTON COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

### LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUEER (LGBTQ+) PRIDE MONTH June 2021

**WHEREAS,** over the course of more than two centuries of striving and sacrificing, our country has expanded civil rights and equal protection into our Constitution; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Northampton shares a common trajectory toward a more free and just society; and

**WHEREAS,** we are also reminded that we are not truly equal until every person is afforded the same rights and opportunities; and

**WHEREAS,** Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month is a time to celebrate the incredible strength and diversity of our LGBTQ+ community. It is also a time to reflect upon the hard-fought progress we've made fighting for freedom, equality and civil rights; and

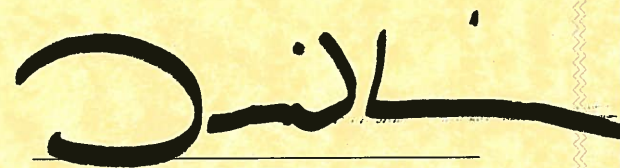
**WHEREAS** Pride Month must also be a time for continued vigilance and activism as our LGBTQ+ community members still face discrimination, violence, and political efforts to roll back those hard-fought rights; and

**WHEREAS,** During LGBTQ+ Pride Month, we recognize the resilience and determination of the many individuals who are fighting to live freely and authentically. This Pride Month, we affirm our obligation to uphold the dignity of all people and dedicate ourselves to protecting the most vulnerable among us; so

**NOW, THEREFORE,**  
I, Mayor David J. Narkewicz, do hereby proclaim June 2021 as **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month** in the City of Northampton and join communities around the country and all over the world in recognizing the important contributions of LGBTQ+ people.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and imprinted the seal of the City of Northampton this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2021.*



  
David J. Narkewicz  
Mayor