

Proclamation



CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS & PREVENTION MONTH APRIL 2023

WHEREAS, every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, secure, and protected from verbal, sexual, emotional, and physical abuse, exploitation, and neglect; and

WHEREAS, over 2400 local children have received services for abuse at the Children's Advocacy Center of Hampshire County since 2006; and

WHEREAS, By strengthening families and providing safe, stable, and nurturing environments that are free from violence, abuse, and neglect, opportunities are created for children's growth and success, ensuring a secure future for our communities, where the needs of children are a priority and the needs of families are met; and

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility that depends on partnerships created among families, social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and,

WHEREAS, Each April, the City of Northampton and other supporters of the Children's Advocacy Center of Hampshire County ask the public to join in outreach efforts to reduce and prevent child abuse.

**NOW,
THEREFORE, I,** Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra, hereby proclaim that April 2023 be known as

CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS AND 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 seal of the City of Northampton on this first day of April 2023




Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra