

Proclamation



CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day December 7, 2023

WHEREAS, National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day is a holiday in which we solemnly remember the attack on the United States, and all those who were killed on that tragic day 81 years ago, and

WHEREAS, this surprise attack which was described by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt as, “a date which will live in infamy”, led to the escalation of World War II, and

WHEREAS, the City of Northampton wishes to honor the 2,403 Americans who lost their lives that day, six of them from Massachusetts, as well as the 1,143 Americans wounded in the attack. We also continue to honor those who are still with us and fought so fiercely so that more were not killed; and

WHEREAS, this day reminds us not only of the sacrifices of so many Americans including the survivors from Western Massachusetts, but also reminds us of our resilience as a country and our ability to join together to mourn our losses, comfort those who are grieving, and defend our freedom, and so

**NOW,
THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra, do hereby proclaim December 7, 2023 to be

PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

in the City of Northampton. In order to remember, we drop a wreath from the Pearl Harbor Veterans Memorial Bridge linking Northampton and Easthampton in solemn recognition of the events of December 7, 1941.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and
imprinted the seal of the City of Northampton this 7th day
of December 2023.*




Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra