

# Proclamation



CITY OF NORTHAMPTON  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

## MONTESSORI EDUCATION WEEK

February 25 – March 2, 2024

**WHEREAS,** based on her observations of children and the manner by which they learn, Dr. Maria Montessori developed an innovative philosophy of education in the early 1900s that continues to influence learning across the world and in the Pioneer Valley; and

**WHEREAS,** as a system for education for children from birth through the age of eighteen, the Montessori program uses materials, techniques, and observations that support the students' natural development, encourage their learning, independence, and self-confidence, and advance the principles of peace through responsible citizenship; and

**WHEREAS,** the Montessori Method includes developmental teaching, one-to-one lessons, and the promotion of respect among the children and peace to humankind; and

**WHEREAS,** this year marks the 115<sup>th</sup> year of Montessori education worldwide and the 45<sup>th</sup> year of the Montessori School of Northampton,

**NOW,  
THEREFORE,** I, Gina-Louise Sciarra, Mayor of the City of Northampton, do hereby proclaim February 25<sup>th</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 as

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throughout the City of Northampton and encourage all residents to recognize the valuable contribution made by Montessori schools worldwide and by the Montessori School of Northampton in our City.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and imprinted the seal of the City of Northampton on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year 2024.



  
Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra