

Proclamation



CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

March 2024

- WHEREAS, Individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, friends, neighbors and co-workers encourage everyone to focus on the abilities of all people; and
- WHEREAS, public awareness and education enhance a community's understanding of the issues affecting people with developmental disabilities; and
- WHEREAS, the month of March has been designated National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and this year's theme is "A World of Opportunities." This means that we are celebrating people and working together to remove obstacles. Our goal is to build a community that's committed to creating a world where everyone can do well and succeed; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Northampton wishes to join Victoria Regish this year in acknowledging the workers at the Northampton office of the Commonwealth's Department of Developmental Services, who help her in caring for her sons, René, aged 63, and David, aged 61.
- NOW,
THEREFORE, I, Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra, do hereby proclaim March 2024 to be **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH** in the City of Northampton. I urge us all to support every effort to enable residents with developmental disabilities, such as the Regish sons, to live full and productive lives of inclusion in our community.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and have imprinted the Seal of the City of Northampton on this twenty-first day of March, 2024.



Mayor Gina- Louise Sciarra