

# Proclamation



CITY OF NORTHAMPTON  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS



April 26, 2024

**WHEREAS,** Since 1872, a special day has been set aside for the planting of trees; and

**WHEREAS,** The holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

**WHEREAS,** Trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, lower our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS,** Trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2021, the City planted 274 new trees with the help of over 125 dedicated volunteers; and,

**WHEREAS,** Northampton's vibrant urban forestry program has gained regional and international attention with our own Tree Warden, Rich Parasiliti, being named 2019 Massachusetts Tree Warden of the Year; and

**WHEREAS,** Integrating urban forestry more significantly into sustainable planning initiatives for Northampton is essential to protecting, promoting and expanding our city's tree canopy; and

**NOW,  
THEREFORE** I, Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra, do hereby proclaim April 26, 2024,

## Arbor Day

in Northampton, and urge all residents to celebrate and support our precious tree canopy for the well-being of this and future generations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and imprinted the City seal, this 26th day of April in the year of 2024.



Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra