

Proclamation



CITY OF NORTHAMPTON COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

LAW DAY MAY 3, 2024

WHEREAS, in 1958 President Eisenhower proclaimed Law Day to honor the role of law in the creation of the United States of America, and in 1961 Congress issued a joint resolution declaring May 1, Law Day; and

WHEREAS, despite more than two centuries of progress, our democracy remains imperfect; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the United States was listed as a “backsliding democracy” in a prominent international report. Still today, many Americans say they do not intend to vote, or believe that their votes do not matter, or are afraid to speak their minds or be who they are for fear of being ostracized or even harmed; and

WHEREAS, members of the legal profession should lead the way in promoting democracy by taking individual responsibility not only to speak up and vote but also to find the courage to listen, to respect, and to agree on paths forward toward a more perfect union; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Law Day 2024 is Voices of Democracy. We encourage all Americans to participate in the 2024 elections by deepening their understanding of the electoral process; discussing issues in honest and civil ways; turning out to vote; and, finally, helping to move the country forward after free and fair elections; and

WHEREAS, locally, Law Day 2024 is being marked May 3 at the Hampshire County Courthouse with a discussion titled Preserving Democracy; and so

NOW,

THEREFORE,

I, Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra, do hereby proclaim May 3rd, 2024, as

LAW DAY

in the City of Northampton. I urge everyone to observe this day by renewing their Commitment to democracy by becoming informed, participating in elections, and holding our elected officials accountable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and have imprinted the Seal of the City of Northampton on this 3rd day of May 2024.




Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra