

Proclamation



CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Bike Commute Day
May 15, 2024
Bay State Bike Month
May 2024

WHEREAS, bicycling contributes to the health and fitness of residents, provides mobility, does not add to noise or air pollution, and provides an inexpensive and convenient way to commute; and

WHEREAS, bicyclists have the same rights and duties as drivers of other vehicles, including the right to use city streets; and

WHEREAS, bicyclists must follow the traffic laws as other vehicles, both for their own safety and for the safety of others; and

WHEREAS, there is much to celebrate in Northampton bicycling, including designs for pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements on Elm Street and West Street, planned resurfacing of the MassCentral Rail Trail from Stop and Shop to Look Park, and the progression of the Picture Main Street Project. Picture Main Street will make downtown safer for all users of all abilities, whether coming by bike, foot, or other non-vehicular mode; and

WHEREAS, the City of Northampton has selected a new vendor for the ValleyBike Share program and will roll out the program by the end of May; and

**NOW,
THEREFORE,** I, Gina-Louise Sciarra, do hereby proclaim **May 15, 2024** to be:

BIKE COMMUTE DAY

in the City of Northampton, and encourage all citizens who are able to bicycle to work or school, and to remain aware of bicyclists on the road. I urge citizens to consider bicycling as an efficient, planet-friendly, and enjoyable mode of transportation and recreation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have set my hand and imprinted the seal of the City of Northampton on this 15th day of May 2024.*




Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra