

Proclamation



**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

POLISH HERITAGE MONTH OCTOBER 2024

WHEREAS, Since 1608, when the first Polish settlers arrived at Jamestown, Virginia, Polish people have been an important part of America's history and culture; and

WHEREAS, Polish people have distinguished themselves and their heritage by making major contributions to the arts, the sciences, education, our democratic ideals and principles, and to humanity; and

WHEREAS, Our country and our democratic system have been protected by many brave and caring individuals of Polish heritage who have helped to keep us free; and

WHEREAS, In October 1929, Northampton Mayor Jesse Andre accepted from the Northampton Polish American Societies the General Casimir Pulaski Monument to honor his service in the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, This month we mark the 245th anniversary of the death of General Casimir Pulaski, who saved General George Washington's life at the battle of Brandywine in 1777, and who then was appointed Commander of the Continental Cavalry by General Washington; and

WHEREAS, It is important for all people to appreciate and recognize the contribution of all heritages to our society; and so

*NOW,
THEREFORE,* I, Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra, recognizing the contribution of Polish people everywhere, especially in our city; do hereby proclaim the month of October 2024 to be

POLISH HERITAGE MONTH

in the city of Northampton. Let us all celebrate the contributions that people of Polish descent have made to our nation and particularly to our City in the arts, the sciences, agriculture, religion, and scholarship.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and imprinted the seal of the City of Northampton this 3rd day of October, 2024.




Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra