

PROCLAMATION



City of Northampton
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Family Caregivers Month

November 2024

WHEREAS, this November, Northampton recognizes the 780,000 family caregivers across our state and within our city who are helping their older parents, spouses and other loved ones live independently in their homes – where they want to be; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the magnitude of the physical, financial, and emotional toll on family caregivers, who help their loved ones with everything from managing medications and medical care, meal preparation and feeding, bathing, and dressing, chores, finances, grocery shopping, transportation and more; and

WHEREAS, Massachusetts' dedicated family caregivers provide 730 million hours of care every year, adding up to \$15.1 billion in unpaid labor annually. I am proud that here in Massachusetts we have recently passed legislation to provide increased tax credits for family caregivers; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers in Massachusetts help their older parents, spouses, siblings, or grandparents live independently with dignity. They are our everyday heroes; and so

**NOW,
THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra, do hereby proclaim November 2024 to be

FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH

in the City of Northampton. I urge us all to express our gratitude and support to the family caregivers in our community.

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




Mayor Gina- Louise Sciarra