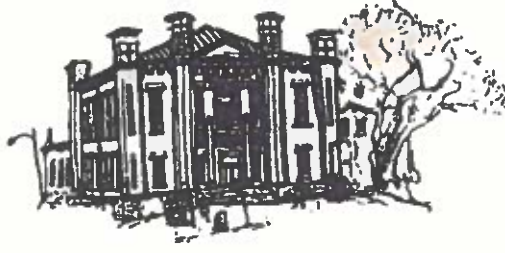


PROCLAMATION



City of Northampton
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SMITH COLLEGE FOUNDER'S DAY

March 8, 2025

WHEREAS, Smith College was founded in 1871 and has been an integral part of the Northampton community since welcoming its first students in 1875; and

WHEREAS, the City of Northampton was officially incorporated in 1883, eight years after Smith College welcomed its first students, since which time, the college and the city have flourished together, shaping and strengthening each other through education, arts, and culture; and

WHEREAS, the partnership between Smith College and the City of Northampton has enriched the cultural, economic, and social fabric of our community, fostering a spirit of collaboration, civic engagement, and shared progress; and

WHEREAS, Smith College has contributed to the local economy, supported community initiatives, and provided opportunities for learning, the arts, historic preservation, and public discourse that benefit residents; and

WHEREAS, in this sesquicentennial year, we recognize and celebrate the enduring relationship between Smith College and Northampton, honoring the past while looking toward a future of continued partnership; and so

NOW,
THEREFORE, I, Gina-Louise Sciarra, Mayor of the City of Northampton, do hereby proclaim March 8 as

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honoring the day Sophia Smith signed her will establishing Smith College and bringing us together in an enduring partnership to better the lives of our community and beyond. I encourage residents to join in celebrating the history, contributions, and lasting impact of Smith College in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and imprinted the seal of the City of Northampton on this 8th day of March in the year 2025.




Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra