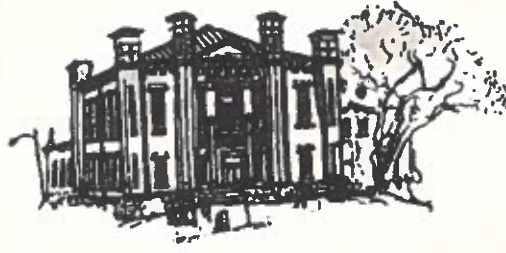


PROCLAMATION



City of Northampton
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Gold Star Spouses Day April 5, 2025

WHEREAS, Today we observe Gold Star Spouses Day, a day to honor and remember the spouses of fallen service members, recognizing their sacrifices and resilience; and

WHEREAS, The tradition of honoring Gold Star families dates back to World War I, when families would display service flags with a blue star for each family member serving and a gold star if a service member died in combat; and

WHEREAS, The term "Gold Star Family" refers to the families of service members who have died while serving their country, including spouses, parents, siblings, and children; and

WHEREAS, It is important for us to acknowledge the profound impact that the loss of a loved one in military service can have on families and to offer support to these spouses and their families; and so

NOW,
THEREFORE, I, Gina-Louise Sciarra, Mayor of the City of Northampton, do hereby proclaim April 5th as

Gold Star Spouses Day

in the City of Northampton. I ask all residents to show their support by attending local events, volunteering with veterans groups, staying connected with Gold Star families, or simply remembering and acknowledging their sacrifices.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and imprinted the seal of the City of Northampton on this 4th day of April in the year 2025.




Gina-Louise Sciarra
Mayor