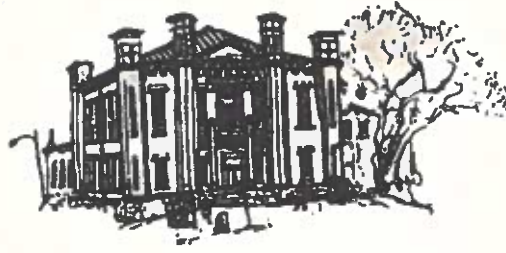


# PROCLAMATION



City of Northampton  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

April 5-11, 2025

- WHEREAS, The first years of a child's life are the most rapid brain development period and lay the foundation for all future learning; and
- WHEREAS, Children's cognitive, physical, social, emotional, and language development are built on each child's positive interactions with adults, peers, and their environment; and
- WHEREAS, High-quality early care and education help build strong developmental foundations for young children leading to positive outcomes for individual children, helping them be better prepared for school and more likely to succeed in life; and
- WHEREAS, The City of Northampton, in partnership with Northampton Public Schools, is committed to securing grant funding to support young children, families, and early childhood educators. This includes the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement grant which funds Northampton Parents Center and Hadley Library playgroups, parent workshops, and developmental screenings, as well as the Commonwealth Preschool Partnership Initiative grant, which enhances quality and inclusion in early education and care programs across the city; and
- WHEREAS, The City of Northampton has dedicated American Rescue Plan funds to increase access to early education and childcare services for qualifying families; and
- NOW,  
THEREFORE, I, Gina-Louise Sciarra, Mayor of the City of Northampton, do hereby proclaim April 5-11 as the

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in the City of Northampton. I encourage all members of the Northampton community to join me in supporting efforts that increase children and families' access to high-quality early childhood education, recognizing the complex, valuable, essential, demanding, and joyful work of early childhood educators, and commending the complex, valuable, essential, demanding and joyful work of parenting young children.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and imprinted the seal of the City of Northampton on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year 2025.



  
Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra