

# PROCLAMATION



City of Northampton  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**Bike Commute Day**  
**Bay State Bike Month**  
May 14, 2025

WHEREAS, bicycling contributes to the health and fitness of residents, provides mobility, does not add to noise or air pollution, and provides an inexpensive and convenient way to commute; and

WHEREAS, bicyclists have the same rights and duties as drivers of other vehicles, including the right to use city streets; and

WHEREAS, bicyclists must follow the traffic laws as other vehicles, both for their own safety and for the safety of others; and

WHEREAS, there is much to celebrate in Northampton bicycling including the launch and almost immediate success of ValleyBike, the electric, pedal-assist bike share system, and the city's first cycle track along Pleasant Street; and

WHEREAS, bicycles are used in a variety of occupations, such as by members of Northampton's Police Department and by the people who haul trash and recycling from our downtown; and so


NOW,  
THEREFORE, I, Gina-Louise Sciarra, Mayor of the City of Northampton, do hereby proclaim May 14th as

**Bike Commute Day**

in the City of Northampton, and encourage all citizens who are able to bicycle to work or school, and to take cognizance of bicyclists in their travels. I urge citizens to consider bicycling as an efficient, planet-friendly, and enjoyable mode of transportation and recreation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and imprinted the seal of the City of Northampton on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year 2025.



  
Gina-Louise Sciarra  
Mayor