

# PROCLAMATION



City of Northampton  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## **Division of Community Care 2nd Anniversary** September 26, 2025

WHEREAS, two years ago, the City of Northampton launched the Division of Community Care (DCC) following research and recommendations by the Northampton Policing Review Commission and years of community engagement and program building with the goal of providing an unarmed response for people in crisis; and

WHEREAS, the DCC has supported 1,669 unique individuals through 13,319 total engagements, received 1,948 phone calls, 11,035 visits to the community space, 2,655 connections to resources and navigation services, and 1,047 times the DCC has provided housing and shelter navigation support; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of the Division of Community Care has become a central and invaluable part of the Department of Health and Human Services and City of Northampton response; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Community Care has become a trusted place to visit and call for assistance with mental health crises, substance use concerns, housing instability, welfare checks, and other public-health challenges, extending its hours and staffing to meet community needs; and so

NOW,  
THEREFORE, I, Gina-Louise Sciarra, Mayor of the City of Northampton, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2025, as the

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in the City of Northampton and on this day, we recognize and celebrate the DCC for having completed two years of dedicated service to our community, and for embodying our commitment to public health, safety, and community care and is hereby recognized as a critical component of our city's emergency response.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and imprinted the seal of the City of Northampton on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year 2025.



  
Gina-Louise Sciarra  
Mayor