

PROCLAMATION



City of Northampton
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

TIBET NATIONAL UPRISING DAY MARCH 10, 2026

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2026, Tibetans throughout the world will gather to commemorate the 67th Anniversary of the Tibetan National Uprising against the brutal annexation of their country and pay tribute to more than one million Tibetans who lost their life in their struggle for the freedom of Tibet; and

WHEREAS, the annexation and ongoing suppression of human rights and freedom in Tibet, egregious Sinicization of Tibetan Buddhism, and the intentional marginalization of Tibetan language, culture, and identity should continue to be a concern for all freedom-loving people everywhere; and

WHEREAS, as many as one million Tibetan children and young people, as young as four years old, are faced with intense political indoctrination, as they are being removed from their families, sent into colonial boarding schools, and forced into political re-education classes designed to strip them of their Tibetan identity; and

WHEREAS, China illegally occupied Tibet for over 67 years and has refused to negotiate with Tibetan leaders since 2010, and His Holiness the Dalai Lama will turn 91 this year, marking his 67th year in exile; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Tibetan Association of Massachusetts urges governments across the globe to take stronger multilateral action in response to unprecedented human rights abuses perpetrated by the Chinese government and demands China to immediately fulfill its human rights obligations in all bilateral and multilateral dialogues and exchanges; and

WHEREAS, the City of Northampton is home to a small vibrant community of Tibetan Americans who have contributed to the diversity of our culture and tradition; and

WHEREAS, to pay tribute to 157 self-immolated Tibetans among the brave men and women who have given their lives for the cause of freedom in Tibet, members of the Regional Tibetan Association of Massachusetts (based in Western Mass) will do a "Walk for Tibet" march from Amherst to Northampton and hold a flag raising ceremony at 2:30 pm on March 10, 2026, in front of Northampton's Memorial Hall.

**NOW,
THEREFORE,**

I, Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra, do hereby recognize the local Tibetan American community's fight for justice for the people of Tibet on this 67th Anniversary of Tibetan National Uprising Day and continue to proclaim each March 10, as

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and further recognize this proclamation by raising the Tibetan National flag from March 10 to March 17, 2026, to help cultivate awareness among all residents of Northampton.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and have imprinted the Seal of the City of Northampton on this 10th day of March 2026.



Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra