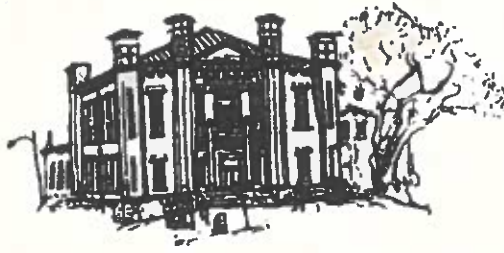


# PROCLAMATION



City of Northampton  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month April 2026

**WHEREAS,** Every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, secure, and protected from verbal, sexual, emotional, and physical abuse, exploitation, and neglect; and

**WHEREAS,** 3200 local children have received services for abuse at the Children's Advocacy Center of Hampshire County; and

**WHEREAS,** By strengthening families and providing safe, stable, and nurturing environments that are free from violence, abuse, and neglect, opportunities are created for children's growth and success, ensuring a secure future for our communities, where the needs of children are a priority and the needs of families are met; and

**WHEREAS,** Preventing child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility that depends on partnerships created among families, social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

**WHEREAS,** Each April, the City of Northampton and other supporters of the Children's Advocacy Center of Hampshire County ask the public to join in outreach efforts to reduce and prevent child abuse.; and

**NOW,  
THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra, do hereby proclaim April 2026 to be

### Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month

in the City of Northampton. I ask all residents to increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the community in which we live.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and have imprinted the Seal of the City of Northampton on this 1st day of April, 2026.*



  
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Mayor Gina- Louise Sciarra