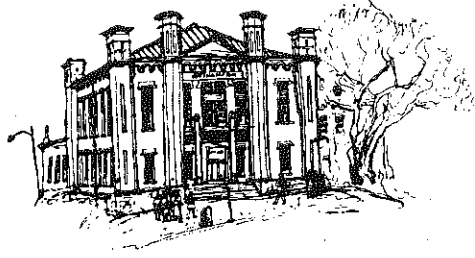


Proclamation



**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

American Craft Week October 2-11, 2015

- WHEREAS, Every day thousands of American artists share their vision and talent by producing amazing hand-made decorative and functional objects and then displaying, promoting and selling them; and
- WHEREAS, American Craft enriches our homes, wardrobes, offices and public spaces. It contributes to our nation's economy, our balance of trade, and the fabric of our national history, especially with the renewed emphasis on American-made goods. It is original, beautiful and enduring; and
- WHEREAS, Now in its sixth year, American Craft Week is the premier public celebration of handmade craft in America; and
- WHEREAS, Northampton has a long history of supporting the arts and is home to the "Paradise City Arts Festival of fine and functional art," which is an official supporter of American Craft Week; and
- WHEREAS, The City of Northampton wishes to promote the Paradise City Arts Festival as the perfect travel destination during American Craft Week and the peak of fall foliage season.

NOW
THEREFORE, I, Mayor David J. Narkewicz, do hereby proclaim October 2th through 11th, 2015 to be

American Craft Week

in Northampton. I ask all citizens to join me in publicizing, educating, displaying, and enjoying the wonders of American craftsmanship.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Northampton Massachusetts, this 1st day of October, 2015.



A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "David J. Narkewicz". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

**David J. Narkewicz
Mayor**

City of Northampton, Massachusetts