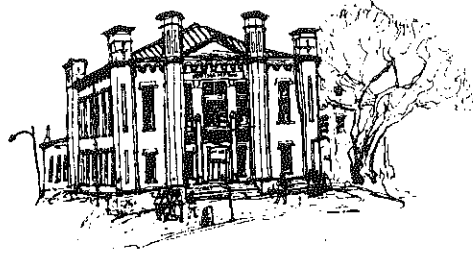


# Proclamation



**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

## **MONTESSORI EDUCATION WEEK FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 5, 2016**

**WHEREAS** Based on her observations of children and the manner by which they learn, Dr. Maria Montessori developed an innovative philosophy of education in the early 1900s that continues to influence learning across the world and in the Pioneer Valley; and

**WHEREAS** As a system for education for children from birth through the age of eighteen, the Montessori program uses materials, techniques, and observations that support the students' natural development, encourage their learning, independence, and self-confidence, and advance the principles of peace through responsible citizenship; and

**WHEREAS** The Montessori method includes developmental teaching, one-to-one lessons, and the promotion of respect among the children and peace to humankind; and now

**THEREFORE** I, David J. Narkewicz, Mayor of the City of Northampton, do hereby proclaim February 28 – March 5, 2016, as

### **MONTESSORI EDUCATION WEEK**

throughout the city of Northampton and encourage all residents to recognize the valuable contribution made by Montessori schools worldwide, and by the Montessori School of Northampton in our city.

In Witness Whereof, I have set my hand and imprinted the seal of the City of Northampton, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year 2016.



**David J. Narkewicz  
Mayor**