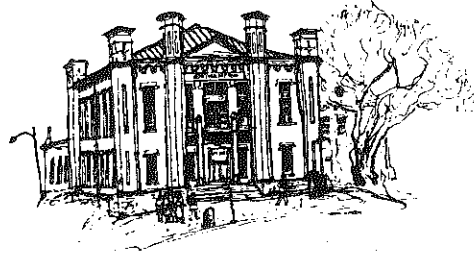


Proclamation



**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SOCIAL WORK MONTH
“FORGING SOLUTIONS OUT OF CHALLENGES”
March 2016**

WHEREAS, the primary mission of the Social Work profession is to enhance well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable in society; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers work in all areas of our society to improve happiness, health and prosperity, including government, schools, social service agencies, communities, the military and mental health and health care facilities; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers stand up for individuals, support diverse families, and help people in every stage of life to function better in their environments, improve their relationships, and solve family and personal problems; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers help people overcome racial strife and economic and health care uncertainty by successfully advocating for initiatives such as Medicaid, unemployment insurance, workplace safety, Social Security benefits, the Civil Rights Act, the Voting Rights Act and the Affordable Care Act; and

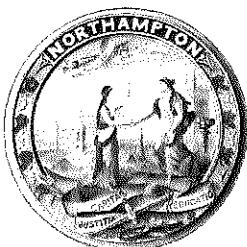
WHEREAS, Social Workers are the largest group of mental health care providers in the United States working daily to help people overcome depression, anxiety, substance abuse and other disorders and thus lead more fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers celebrate the courage, hope and strength of the human spirit throughout their careers; and

**NOW,
THEREFORE,** I, Mayor David J. Narkewicz, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2016 to be **Social Work Month** in the City of Northampton.

In recognition of the numerous contributions made by America's 600,000 Social Workers, I call upon residents to join with the National Association of Social Workers in celebration and support of the Social Work profession.

**In Witness whereof, I have set my hand and imprinted
the City seal, this 17th day of March in the year 2016.**



Mayor David J. Narkewicz