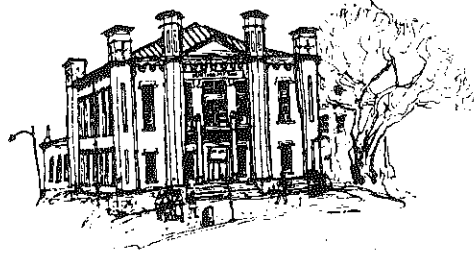


Proclamation



**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

BRAIN BUILDING IN PROGRESS WEEK

April 9 – 16, 2016

part of the Week of the Young Child

Whereas, the Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration established in 1971 by the National Association for the Education of Young Children to recognize that children's early years are the foundation for later success in school and life; and

Whereas, the Department of Early Education and Care and its partners have declared that Massachusetts will celebrate the week as Brain Building in Progress Week; and

Whereas, research demonstrates that more brain development occurs during a child's first five years than at any other time in a child's life; and

Whereas, a high-quality early education nurtures a child's cognitive, social-emotional and physical development and helps build a solid foundation for future success; and

Whereas, investments in young children and their early education have a lifetime impact on young learners in terms of greater academic readiness and educational attainment, greater earnings, better health, reduced crime and reduced need for social services; and

Whereas, the Commonwealth has responded to this growing body of research by providing a strong foundation for a statewide system of high-quality early education and care; and

Whereas, the purpose of Brain Building in Progress Week is to add to this momentum by focusing public attention on the needs of young children and their families and by recognizing the early childhood educators who meet these needs.

**NOW,
THEREFORE,**

I, Mayor David J. Narkewicz, do hereby proclaim April 9-16, 2016 as **Brain Building in Progress Week** in Northampton, and urge all citizens to recognize and support the needs of young children and their families in our city.



In Witness Whereof, I have set my hand and have affixed the seal of the City of Northampton

David J. Narkewicz, Mayor