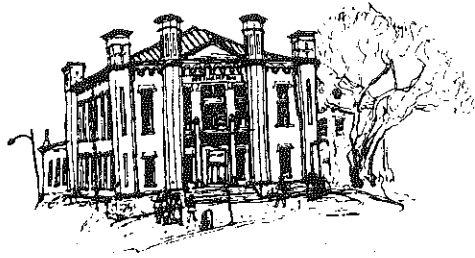


Proclamation



CITY OF NORTHAMPTON COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER RECOGNITION DAY MAY 7, 2016

- WHEREAS, Over the course of more than two centuries of striving and sacrificing, our Country has expanded civil rights and equal protection into our Constitution; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Northampton shares a common trajectory toward a more free and just society; and
- WHEREAS, we are also reminded that we are not truly equal until every person is afforded the same rights and opportunities; and
- WHEREAS, the City has set aside today, May 7, 2016, for the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Pride March; and
- WHEREAS, the City wishes to recognize the many positive contributions of its citizens, volunteers, and business people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender; and
- WHEREAS, the Pride March is our yearly effort to remind ourselves that all people deserve to live with dignity and respect, free from fear and violence, and protected against discrimination regardless of their gender identity or sexual orientation; and
- WHEREAS, this is the 35th consecutive year that the Pride March has taken place and we thank all the volunteers, sponsors and vendors who step up to make this vent happen; and
- WHEREAS, the City stands up for all the people across the globe who are oppressed and cannot stand up for themselves; and
- NOW,
THEREFORE, I, Mayor David J. Narkewicz, do hereby proclaim today as our annual day of recognition for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons in our community.

In Witness whereof, I have set my hand and imprinted
the seal of the City of Northampton this 7th day of May, 2016.



David J. Narkewicz
Mayor