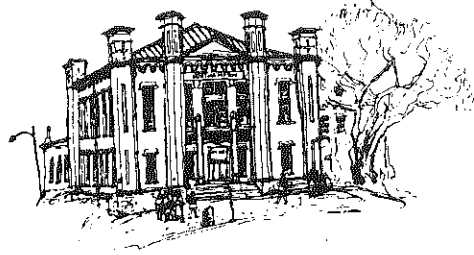


Proclamation



**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

NATIONAL INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS WEEK

December 5-9, 2016

- WHEREAS The week of December 5-9, 2016 is National Inclusive Schools Week; and
- WHEREAS The City of Northampton's Bridge Street Elementary School is committed to providing an education that is welcoming and capable of educating all of our children; and
- WHEREAS Closing the achievement gap is one of the central goals of Bridge Street School; and
- WHEREAS Bridge Street School educators recognize that each child is unique, learns differently, and therefore, learns better if teaching is tailored to their abilities and interests; and
- WHEREAS The educators and families of the Bridge Street Schools have been working hard to ensure that our classrooms and schools are characterized as being high-performing and inclusive; and
- WHEREAS By their efforts to make our schools and classrooms high-performing and inclusive, the educators and families of the Bridge Street School have contributed significantly to building a stronger and more inclusive community; and
- WHEREAS The educators and families of the Bridge Street School deserve to celebrate their successes and wish to reflect on how they might even further improve;
- THEREFORE I, David J. Narkewicz, Mayor of the City of Northampton, do hereby proclaim December 5-9, 2016, as

Inclusive Schools Week

and encourage staff and classrooms across the school to sponsor appropriate learning and community-building activities in its recognition.

In Witness Whereof, I have set my hand and imprinted the official seal of the City of Northampton, this 5th day of December, in the year 2016.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David J. Narkewicz'.

Mayor David J. Narkewicz

