

# Proclamation



**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER  
RECOGNITION DAY  
MAY 6, 2017**

**WHEREAS,** Over the course of more than two centuries of striving and sacrificing, our nation has expanded civil rights and equal protection under our Constitution; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Northampton shares a common trajectory toward a more free and just society; and

**WHEREAS,** We are not truly equal until every person is afforded the same rights and opportunities to live where they want, work where they want, and most importantly, love who they want; and

**WHEREAS,** Northampton Pride is a time to celebrate the incredible strength and diversity of our LGBT community and to reflect upon the hard-fought progress we've made fighting for their equality and civil rights; and

**WHEREAS,** Pride must also be a time for continued vigilance and activism as our LGBT brothers and sisters still face discrimination, violence, and political efforts to roll back those hard-fought rights; and

**WHEREAS,** This year marks the 36<sup>th</sup> consecutive Northampton Pride and we are thankful to the organizers, sponsors, vendors and volunteers who make it possible; and so now

**THEREFORE,** I, Mayor David J. Narkewicz, do hereby proclaim today as our annual day of recognition for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community members.



*In Witness whereof, I have set my hand and  
imprinted the seal of the City of Northampton  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.*

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

**David J. Narkewicz, Mayor**