

Proclamation



**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**BREAST CANCER AWARENESS
JULY 31, 2017**

- WHEREAS, Nearly a quarter of a million women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in the United States this year; and
- WHEREAS, The Massachusetts rate of breast cancer is 5% higher than the national average and
- WHEREAS, Hampshire County rates are higher than the Massachusetts average; and
- WHEREAS, At Cooley Dickinson Hospital, breast cancer makes up 28 percent of all cancers diagnosed and/or treated, and
- WHEREAS, 49 percent of women and 2 percent of men treated for cancer at Cooley Dickinson are treated for breast cancer; and
- WHEREAS, Screening is an effective way to detect breast cancer in its earliest stages; and
- WHEREAS, Cooley Dickinson Hospital Breast Cancer Center is a facility that offers comprehensive services including breast exams, screening, diagnostic breast imaging, biopsy and wire localization, ultrasound, and bone density screening; and
- WHEREAS, In recognition of this new, state-of-the-art Breast Center, I issue this proclamation so that together we may encourage breast screening and stand with those diagnosed with breast cancer.
- NOW,
THEREFORE, I, Mayor David Narkewicz, hereby proclaim July 31, 2017 as a day to shine a light on breast cancer and appreciate the new resources now available at Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton.

In Witness whereof, I have set my hand and imprinted the City seal, this 31st day of July in the year 2017.



Mayor David J. Narkewicz