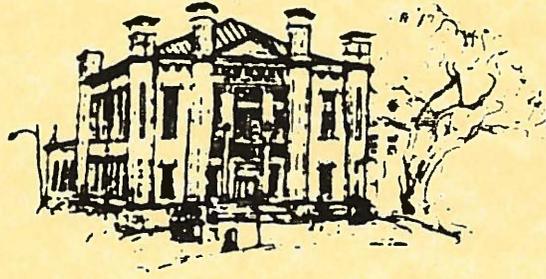


Proclamation



CITY OF NORTHAMPTON COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH SEPTEMBER 2018

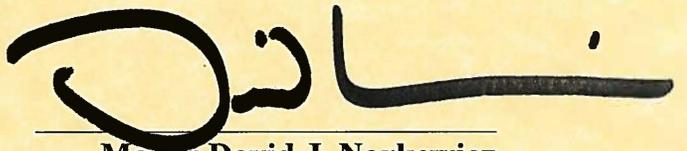
- WHEREAS,** childhood cancer kills more children in the U.S. than asthma, pediatric AIDS, Cystic Fibrosis, diabetes, Muscular Dystrophy, and genetic anomalies combined; and,
- WHEREAS,** childhood cancers are a specific set of cancer diseases that affect children. They are not the same types of cancers found in adults; and,
- WHEREAS,** 1 in 285 children in the United States will develop cancer before the age of 20; and,
- WHEREAS,** the incidence of childhood cancer is steadily increasing at a rate of .6% per year and no one knows why; and,
- WHEREAS,** childhood cancers are not the result of lifestyle factors or poor health as are many adult cancers; and,
- WHEREAS,** 43 kids per day are diagnosed with cancer in the United States; and,
- WHEREAS,** worldwide, a child is diagnosed every three minutes; and,
- WHEREAS,** the month of September has been designated as a month to extend our support to children and their families who are fighting for a cancer free life; and so

**NOW,
THEREFORE,**

I, Mayor David J. Narkewicz, hereby proclaim September 2018 as **CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** in the City of Northampton, so that together we may shine a light on childhood cancer, stand with those in need, and redouble our efforts to address childhood cancer in our community.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and imprinted the seal of the City of Northampton, this 18th day of September in the year 2018.


Mayor David J. Narkewicz