

# Proclamation



CITY OF NORTHAMPTON  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

## Nuclear Ban Day September 26th, 2019

- WHEREAS,** the City of Northampton has a long history of supporting the mitigation and abolition of nuclear weapons. In the 1980s our city was among the first nationally to push for the establishment of a Nuclear-Free Zone; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2005, the City of Northampton joined the *Mayors for Peace* initiative, originating from the Mayor of Hiroshima, seeking a ban on the use of nuclear weapons; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2017, over 122 member countries of the United Nations adopted the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and it is now on its way to becoming international law; and
- WHEREAS,** the United Nations had declared September 26<sup>th</sup> as the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons; and
- WHEREAS,** on December 7, 2017, the Northampton City Council adopted R-17.425, *A Resolution Calling for the United States to "Pull Back from the Brink" and Prevent Nuclear War* seeking U.S. support of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons by our federal leaders; and
- WHEREAS,** on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018, I issued an Executive Policy Order requiring the City of Northampton to reduce and eventually eliminate any and all ties to the nuclear weapons industry.

**NOW**

**THEREFORE,** I, Mayor David J. Narkewicz proclaim September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as

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and encourage the citizens of our community to be aware of and work towards these important efforts to rid the world of nuclear weapons.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, I have set my hand and have imprinted the seal of the City on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.



A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "David Narkewicz".

Mayor David J. Narkewicz