

Proclamation



CITY OF NORTHAMPTON COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

GENERAL CASIMIR PULASKI DAY OCTOBER 10, 2016

WHEREAS, Today, the City of Northampton pays tribute to General Casimir Pulaski, a proud Polish patriot who embraced our country's highest ideals and joined in our struggle for freedom, equity, and justice; and

WHEREAS, After being exiled from Poland, General Pulaski volunteered to join the American Colonists in their fight for freedom against the British and was appointed brigadier general as "Commander of the Horse" by General George Washington and the Continental Congress; and

WHEREAS, General Pulaski served with distinction at Brandywine, Germantown and Valley Forge, becoming "Father of the American Cavalry," only to be killed in battle at age 34 on October 11, 1779; and

WHEREAS, On October 13, 1929 Northampton Mayor Jesse Andre accepted the General Pulaski Monument from the Northampton Polish American societies on what was then the 150th anniversary of the death of General Pulaski.

WHEREAS, On General Casimir Pulaski Day, we celebrate the ideals and rights for which Pulaski fought and gave his life. We also celebrate all Polish-Americans who proudly preserve their culture in towns and cities throughout our nation, enriching our society and contributing to our shared success; and

*NOW,
THEREFORE,* I, Mayor David Narkewicz, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2016 as

GENERAL CASIMIR PULASKI DAY

Let us all pay tribute to General Pulaski, who sacrificed his life in the American fight for freedom. I further wish to acknowledge the Northampton Polish Heritage Committee for organizing this parade and ceremony in our City for 30 years.

**In Witness whereof, I have set my hand and imprinted
the seal of the City of Northampton.**



Mayor David J. Narkewicz