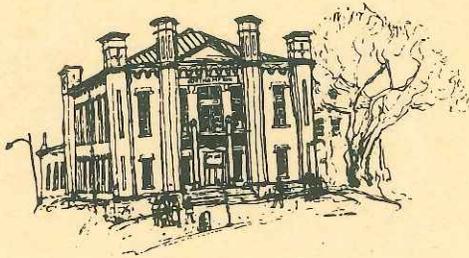


Proclamation



**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
OCTOBER 2016**

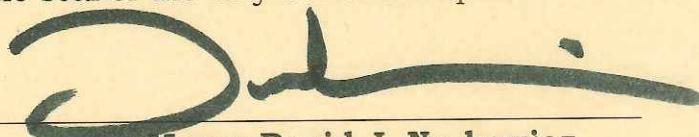
- WHEREAS, Breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer, with an estimated 246,000 new cases in 2016, and the second leading cause of death with one in eight women being diagnosed in their lifetime, and twenty percent of these patients being under age fifty; and
- WHEREAS, The best fight against breast cancer is early detection; when breast cancer is detected early, in localized stage, the five-year survival rate is almost 90%; and
- WHEREAS, At Cooley Dickinson Hospital hundreds of new breast cancers have been detected with a 25-30% reduction in callbacks for additional imaging since 3D imaging mammography was implemented; and
- WHEREAS, Paint the Path Pink is the signature annual activity of the City of Northampton and encourages resident to walk the path to prevention keeping in mind that early detection is our best defense; and
- WHEREAS, On Thursday, October 27 at 5:15 p.m. residents and officials walk from City Hall to Cooley Dickinson Hospital where 3D mammography equipment has improved image quality and reduced radiation; and
- NOW,
THEREFORE, I, David J. Narkewicz, Mayor of the City of Northampton, do hereby proclaim

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in the City of Northampton and encourage women over 40 to schedule their mammogram and all citizens to be proactive about their health to reduce the risk factors for breast cancer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Northampton.




Mayor David J. Narkewicz