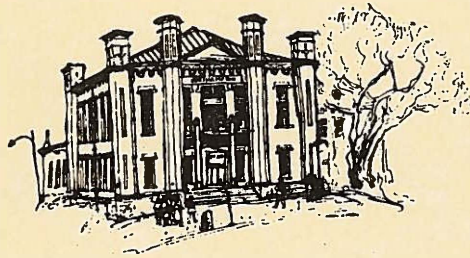


Proclamation



**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS WHITE RIBBON DAY
March 7, 2018**

WHEREAS, the majority of women and men in our country are deeply concerned about the pressing problem of violence against women, sexual assault and domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the many cultures represented in our community are all affected including heterosexual, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals, communities of color, immigrants, the youth, the aged, the infirmed and the differently-abled; and

WHEREAS, the White Ribbon Day Campaign believes that the majority of men wish to make a positive contribution towards ending this violence; and

WHEREAS, the City of Northampton wishes to take tangible steps to raise awareness and to support survivors and hold offenders accountable in our community, along with other municipalities across the commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, our municipality recognizes the important life saving work of law enforcement and community programs located within our municipality, especially Safe Passage and Center for Women and Community,

WHEREAS, the White Ribbon Day Pledge states: “from this day forward I pledge to be part of the solution in ending gender based violence and to never commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women and girls”; and

**NOW,
THEREFORE,** I, Mayor David J. Narkewicz, do hereby proclaim March 7th, 2018, as **White Ribbon Day** in Northampton encouraging citizens to pledge “to be part of the solution in ending gender based violence and to never commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women and girls.”

**In Witness whereof, I have set my hand and imprinted
the City seal, this 7th day of March in the year 2018.**



**David J. Narkewicz
Mayor**